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LOW TIDE

Seaweeds and reef rocks exposed by the low tide give a different view of Saipan's lagoon yesterday where three military prepositioning ships are currently anchored off. These mammoth ships do not have an open tour policy but provide guided tours only for distinguished visitors and their own personnel's guests, with prior permission and notifications.

I'm very concerned that some people are talking on the basis of emotions and not being realistic that the economy needs foreign workers. The economy will suffer at all levels.

—Efrain F. Camacho, president, EFC Engineers & Architects



Businesses split on improved status for alien workers

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While big and small businesses agree they need foreign workers, they have different views on whether or not alien workers should be given improved im-

migration status—as recommended by the U.S. Department of the Interior to the U.S. Congress.

Some, like the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, have expressed concern

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about the Interior's method of doing a survey, involving just 10 businesses to determine the CNMI's current and future needs for foreign workers. The

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Top officials of Neo Gold Wings Paradise and Flame Sako Resort & Spa will separately arrive on Saipan from South Korea in a last-ditch try to save their total \$1.8 billion planned investments in the CNMI, almost 60 days after the Department of Public Lands notified them of land lease defaults.

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Calvo gets 8 years in prison

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Superior Court Associate Judge Robert C. Naraja slapped convicted child molester Patrick Mendiola Calvo with an eight-year prison term yesterday after a three-hour hearing that saw tearful testimonies of how Calvo's crime damaged lives and families.

"This case is very, very damaging to all the families involved," Naraja said at the hearing attended by family members, relatives and supporters of the victim.

He said this is a case where substantial prison time is appropriate in the interest of justice and to deter other potential of-

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Public hearings set for 2 Saipan casino bills

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The House Committee on Commerce and Tourism will hold public hearings on two bills allowing for the operations of casinos

Committee chair Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) said the public hearing will be held on June 11, Friday, starting at 6:30pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

House Bill 17-55, introduced by Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), seeks to provide for the regulation and control of

the operation of gambling enterprises on Saipan. House Bill 17-56, which Tenorio also introduced, seeks to provide for the establishment, regulation, and control of casino gambling on Saipan and the islands north of Saipan.

Villagomez asked Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan, and members of the general public to be present at the public hearing and provide written and oral testimony.

Villagomez urged the public to submit written comments three days prior to the June 11 public hearing. Villagomez also encouraged the public to contact his office at 664-8965 for questions about the public hearing, or to fax written comments at 664-8966.

Tenorio said his bills will help generate much-needed revenue not only for Saipan but the entire CNMI, in these tough economic times. He had said that times have changed since the last time the Saipan casino ini-

tiative was rejected in 2007.

The Senate had already made its position on the casino measures known.

On April 16, the Senate adopted Sen. Pete P. Reyes's Senate Resolution 17-14 junking proposals to operate casinos on Saipan. The Senate adopted S.R. 17-14 on a 6-1 vote, with two abstentions.

Reyes (R-Saipan) said his S.R. 17-14 sends a "strong message" that the Senate will not go against the will of the Saipan people who rejected more than once the operation of any casino on the island.

In the Nov. 3, 2007 elections, Saipan voters who voted "no" to the Saipan casino initiative outnumbered the "yes" votes, 4,721 to 3,492. The "no" to casino prevailed in all Saipan districts.

At that time, Rota voters approved an initiative to establish a casino industry on the island. One investor has so far applied for and granted a conditional license to operate a casino on Rota.

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All set for indigenous rally

» Fitial to miss rally

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will be missing tomorrow's rally of indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians against the U.S. Department of the Interior's report recommending improved immigration status for foreign workers in the CNMI, but organizers said all is set for the event.

Indigenous Affairs Office resident executive director Ignacio DLG. Demapan also said they may hold a motorcade at a later time.

The Saturday rally will start at 1pm at the Civic Center basketball court in Susupe, across the road from the Guma Hustisia.

Demapan said there is no dress code, and everybody is invited to attend the rally, including foreign workers.

Government employees interviewed said they will attend the rally and listen to the speakers.

Organizers have been drumming up support for the event, which they hope the U.S. Congress will also consider as it decides on Interior's report.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said that Fitial, as of yesterday, is expected to return on Sunday.

Fitial went to Washington, D.C. to testify at a May 18 congressional hearing on the implementation of Public Law 110-229 or the federalization law in the CNMI. He said at the hearing that the CNMI government strongly opposes the Interior report, primarily because of lack of consultation. Fitial then proceeded to San Diego, California where he spoke at a conference about

the \$20 billion military build-up in the Marianas.

Rally organizers said it's time the indigenous population protect their indigenous rights.

The rally will feature former members of the Political Status Commission, including Vicente Santos, former speaker Oscar Rasa, and Manny A. Sablan, and has also invited former governors, as well as former mayors of Rota, Saipan, Tinian and the Northern Islands, as well as former district commissioners.

The Interior report recommends the granting of long-term status to alien workers who have legally resided in the CNMI for at least five years. Among the five options to achieve this include the granting of permanent residency status, conferring U.S. citizenship to foreign workers, or a status similar to Freely Associated States citizens.

Chamorros and Carolinians were conferred U.S. citizenship in 1986.

Thousands of foreign workers also held a rally and motorcade on May 16, to show strong support to the Interior report and to ask the U.S. Congress to act immediately on the recommendations.



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Lawsuit filed by convict who served extra 88 days dismissed

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The federal court dismissed yesterday a lawsuit filed by a convicted Chinese woman who had sued Department of Corrections officials and the CNMI government for allegedly extending her detention by 88 days.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett granted separate motions to dismiss Yu Hua Jin Aquino's lawsuit after finding that her pre-removal detention was constitutional.

Bennett, however, granted Aquino's request to amend her lawsuit and gave her 90 days to do so. If she

fails, the case will be dismissed in its entirety.

Bennett said he relied on U.S. Supreme Court precedent creating and discussing the presumption that it is reasonable for an alien to be detained for a removal period of up to six months without a hearing.

Aquino had alleged that the extra 88

days she served were outrageous.

"Although 88 days imprisonment could certainly be considered outrageous in certain circumstances, the circumstances in this case cannot reasonably be regarded as extreme or outrageous," Bennett said in his 27-page order.

He noted that such detention for periods twice as long as that Aquino endured has been found reasonable under

the circumstances.

"Rather than being extreme or outrageous, the United States Supreme Court has found such detention as the ordinary period of time required to deport an alien," he said.

In the CNMI government's exercise of its duty to "guard the gateway," Bennett said that Aquino has not pleaded facts sufficient for a reasonable person to find extreme or outrageous behavior.

CALVO

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fenders.

The judge noted that the victim's traumatic experience has affected her emotionally. "You have a very good family to begin with Mr. Calvo," Naraja said. "You have three children who are so smart."

Naraja sentenced Calvo, 47, to eight years in prison for sexual assault in the second degree, eight years for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, five years for sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree, and six months for disturbing the peace.

Naraja merged the sentences for the first three charges and ordered that the sentence for the last charge be made

concurrent with the first three. This means Calvo will serve a total of eight years in prison for all charges.

Calvo asked to start serving his sentence on Monday morning. This was approved.

Calvo was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$100 court assessment fee, and \$700 in probation fee. The judge also required him to pay for the costs for psychological treatment incurred by the victim. Calvo was also ordered to perform 1,500 hours of community service, to register as a sex offender, and submit to HIV testing.

Naraja urged Calvo to seek psychiatric treatment while in prison, underscoring the importance of having an expert witness who can determine Calvo's motivations.

Assistant attorney general Brian

Gallagher had recommended 10 years in prison. Calvo's lawyer, G. Anthony Long, asked for a two-year sentence, with one year of house arrest and two years of supervised probation.

A teary-eyed Calvo was allowed to speak to the court before being sentenced. He spoke for a few minutes in the vernacular.

Witnesses

Dr. Norma S. Ada, who took the witness stand for the prosecution, said she wants to see justice served on behalf of the victim and her family.

"We want a closure today. We've waited long enough," Ada said. "We do not want this thing to happen to any member of this community."

She said Calvo is now a convicted child molester and that the message

should be that people who bring harm to family members shall be punished.

The prosecution also presented to the court a counselor who testified that Calvo also sexually assaulted her in 1997 when she was just 16 years old, but that the case was dismissed.

She said she was scorned by some family members, called a liar, and was forced to carry the shame.

The counselor said that perpetrators against children appear nice, kind, and don't look disgusting. "But they are manipulative. They lie and they conduct the ultimate betrayal," she said.

She said many children and many adult women have come up to her to tell her that they have also been sexually assaulted by co-workers, friends and family members.

"I have dedicated my life to helping others," she said, tears in her eyes. "It is the duty of the court and community, each individual parents, that we have to make an example of these people. These can no longer be tolerated."

Calvo's lawyer, Long, called to the witness stand Jesus San Nicolas, Josephine P. Satur, Roland Johnson, and Calvo's father, Patricio Calvo.

San Nicolas told the court he is willing to reserve his house near Ladder Beach for Calvo, a friend, if the court sentences him to house arrest.

Satur, who said San Nicolas is her uncle, also told the court she is willing

to serve as Calvo's custodian. She said she has a 12-year-old granddaughter but this child does not stay at her house. She said she knows Calvo for contributing a lot during their fiesta and religious functions.

Johnson said Calvo used to be his business partner and that the Calvo that he knows is not that kind of person.

Patricio Calvo spoke to the court in Chamorro.

In an interview after the hearing, Gallagher said he and the victim's family are very pleased with the judge's decision.

"My recommendation was 10 years, but an eight-year sentence under the circumstances, I think that we have something that we're pleased of," Gallagher said.

Long told *Saipan Tribune* that the sentence is a bit harsher than they had anticipated "but the judge articulated his reasons and so that would be...one of the issues on appeal will be the reasonableness of the sentence."

Jurors in September 2009 found Calvo guilty of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl in 2008.

In 2000, the government filed two criminal cases against him for allegedly sexually abusing two female minors in 1997 and 1998. In one case, the jury acquitted him. In November 2005, the court dismissed the second case after the government moved to drop the charges.

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Chamber is so far mum on the recommendation to grant improved status to alien workers.

Douglas A. Brennan, president of the 150-member Saipan Chamber, pointed to Interior's use of an "informal, overnight, e-mail survey sent to a few of its members as the apparent sole basis to respond to the congressional request for information concerning the current and future requirements of the Commonwealth economy for an alien workforce."

Brennan's letter is one of the attachments to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's official testimony to the U.S. Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife on the implementation of U.S. Public Law 110-229, which federalized CNMI immigration.

He said Interior also made assumptions and misleading statements in its report.

The Chamber president cited as an example of a "misleading" statement: "The surprises of the survey were the insurance and hotel needs, which, contrary to the expectations of the other eight businesses, would reduce their alien worker payrolls."

"The survey responses do not reflect 'insurance and hotel needs,' they indicate only the projected needs of one insurance company and one hotel, without guidance as to any underlying assumptions concerning the economy, changing local labor requirements, visitor arrivals, or the like," Brennan said.

Population base

Efrain F. Camacho, president of the 20-year-old EFC Engineers & Architects, said yesterday that the CNMI economy needs a stable and skilled workforce, foreign or not, as well as a big population base for businesses to thrive.

For decades, the CNMI's tourism, as well as the now dead garment industry, relied mostly on foreign workers, from engineers, nurses, and accountants, to hotel employees and house workers.

"We are not being truthful if we say

that people who have stayed here for a long time cannot be extended a better status. We all know that the local labor pool is inadequate, that the level of training needed is not there, and that the economy is driven by more people," he said.

Camacho, a former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and also a former executive director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, said if some 20,000 skilled foreign labors exit the CNMI, the economy will tremendously suffer.

He said consumer prices, including gasoline and power, will also go up because there's going to be a small population that will be buying services and goods that need to be shipped to the islands.

On Rota and Tinian, for example, the prices of goods are much higher than on Saipan, where the consumer base is several times bigger.

"If you look at Hawaii and Guam, the goods are cheaper because there are more people to buy these goods. If the CNMI loses its foreign workers, expect the price of products and services to go up," said Camacho, who has long separated himself from the Chamber of Commerce.

From a "moral standpoint," he said foreign workers who have legally stayed in the CNMI for years should be given an opportunity to improve their immigration status, "at least a pathway to citizenship."

"I'm very concerned that some people are talking on the basis of emotions and not being realistic that the economy needs foreign workers. The economy will suffer at all levels. ...I believe people need to recognize that the CNMI invited these alien workers to come in and stay, and they didn't come here as illegals. To continue to allow people to come here and ask them to stay for a long time and dispose of them when you no longer need them. ...I don't understand that. It's also the U.S. Congress that grants citizenship, and not the CNMI," he said.

Bread and butter

Some locally owned businesses are echoing the government's position that

foreign workers came here to fulfill their employment contracts, not to secure U.S. citizenship.

Many small businesses have also expressed fear that the government will give them a hard time if they speak out in support of improved status for their foreign workers.

But Wilfredo Ching, who has been a foreign businessman in the CNMI since 1990, said the number one requirement of an economy is population.

"If you have a temporary population, investors will continue to hold off on their investments because they don't know if tomorrow, the market is still there. They don't know if the population will grow. But if these workers who have been here for a long time will have stable status, then they will invest more in the economy," said Ching, who has a jewelry, pawnshop, wholesale and heavy equipment parts supply business.

U.S. businessman Steve Jang, an official at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and a businessman for 40 years here and abroad, shared his opinion as an individual businessman, saying he supports Interior's recommendation for improved status of foreign workers.

"My staff is the bread and butter of my business. It would help a lot of them if they have improved status. The CNMI says they need foreign workers but they don't want to give them better status even if the federal government is already recommending it. The U.S. Congress can put a clause in a law which says these foreign workers in the CNMI cannot leave the CNMI for maybe two or three years after they are given improved status so that the economy will still be stable," he said.

Jang said most businesses are in a wait-and-see mode as they wait for Congress to decide on Interior's report.

Adding to the uncertainty is a lack of final rules governing foreign workers and foreign investors during the transition period.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial had asked Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to withdraw the Interior report. As of this week, Salazar has yet to respond to Fitial's letter, acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos said.

DPL

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Neo Gold Wings and Flame Sako have until the end of this month to pay a total of \$127,239.92 in unpaid land leases and interest charges since early 2009, or their land leases will be immediately terminated.

The two investors waited until almost the end of the 60-day notice from March 29, 2010, to do something about their planned investments.

Kang Dae Sik, president and chief executive officer of Flame Sako Resort and Spa, or his representative, has been expected to arrive from South Korea to meet today with DPL and other officials on their planned investments.

Neo Gold Wings Paradise chairman Hyun Myung or his representative will also arrive this weekend for a Monday meeting with DPL.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said yesterday that DPL welcomes efforts by both investors to pursue their planned investments, but they have to first pay their land leases "pursuant to the spirit of the letter" dated March 29, 2010, that he sent them.

"DPL is happy that Flame Sako and Neo Gold Wings are exerting effort to fly from Korea to Saipan to protect their interests here. ...It's good that they will be sitting on the table with DPL to assess the situation. I'm in favor of reconsidering, provided they pay the full amount of their unpaid obligations under the land lease terms," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said with the CNMI economy in serious negative condition, it looks forward to responsible investors.

A former lawmaker, Babauta was among the lawmakers who approved the proposed land leases for the two investors. He earlier expressed disappointment over the investors' failure to meet their obligations under the land lease agreement, but is now looking forward to these investors' show of good faith.

Neo Gold Wings plans to build an ambitious \$1 billion, six-star hotel casino on Tinian, while Flame Sako plans to build an \$800 million hotel in Marpi.

Government records show Neo Gold Wings owes DPL \$78,470.31 in monthly land lease and interest charge, from March 21, 2009 to March 1, 2010. Of this amount, \$74,129.03 is for the monthly rentals, and \$4,341 is for the interest charges.

Flame Sako owes DPL \$48,769.61 from Feb. 19, 2009 to Feb. 28, 2010. Of this amount, \$45,157.14 is for the monthly land leases and \$3,612.47 for the 1 percent interest per month.

Prior to the notice of default that DPL issues, these two investors asked the department for "several requests to grant extensions."

A third major investor, Marianas Resort Development Corp., MRDC, is current in its land lease payments for its casino resort project. DPL said MRDC also has the necessary financial requirements for its planned \$300 million Matua Bay Resort on Tinian. More information about MRDC is available at www.thepulan.net.

BOE nixes driver's education classes in public schools

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The Board of Education has rejected a proposal to designate the Public School System as responsible for providing driver's education classes in the CNMI, as envisioned in a bill now pending in the CNMI Senate.

Senate Bill 17-20 proposes to temporarily suspend the mandatory driver education prerequisite of Public Law 15-25 for Commonwealth students. It also seeks to authorize PSS to establish a student driver education program.

The board adopted the position to reject the proposal in Wednesday's board meeting.

In a letter to the Legislature, Education Board chair Lucy Blanco-Maratita and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said that, although they appreciate the intention to find ways to maintain a level of responsible, safe driving by newly licensed drivers on the islands, giving the job to PSS will adversely impact

the school system.

First, the establishment of a driving course by PSS will mean liability for PSS. They said PSS is a self-insured entity and it would have to shoulder the costs for any potential accidents or injuries.

"PSS would have to shoulder the responsibility of having student drivers conduct 'behind the wheel' instruction hours and the potential for liability for both the student and other drivers on the roads could be problematic," they said.

They also cited funding issues. The bill in its current form does not identify any funding sources for PSS to start driver's education classes. Establishing the driving course would mean procuring vehicles, instructors and related program costs such as textbooks and learning materials.

Although the bill proposes fees that could be imposed, its structure is flawed, according to the two. The bill allows PSS to charge a fee of up to \$50, which can be waived for any

student eligible for free lunches or breakfasts at the high school level.

Because 89 percent of students in public high schools qualify for free meals, this provision makes funding the program an "economic impossibility," they said.

Blanco-Maratita and Sablan asked the House of Representatives not to recommend passage of the bill.

There is only one commercial business on Saipan that offers a certified driver's education class for first time drivers, the Instructional Support Training Services, which owns and operates the Driver Training Academy. Driver's education classes cost some \$350 per person.



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Muña, Hofschneider top GCA junior high graduates

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Juliana Muña and Kelly Ann Hofschneider were hailed as this year's top graduates of Grace Christian Academy, which conferred diplomas to 23 middle school students during yesterday's commencement exercises at the school auditorium.

Muña was named the class valedictorian, while Hofschneider is this year's salutatorian.

Muña was also conferred the prestigious Eagle Award for demonstrating excellence in academics, citizenship, and Christian character. She is the daughter of Esther and Nick Muña.

Muña, a consistent honor student since her kindergarten

days, was also presented four other major awards and numerous special recognitions.

"It feels great!" she told *Saipan Tribune* when asked about how she feels after last night's event. She said she will continue her secondary education at GCA.

In her message, Muña honored her parents and mentors and thanked her friends for all



JULIANA MUÑA
Valedictorian



KELLY ANN HOFSCHEIDER
Salutatorian

the support they provided her throughout the years. "Thank you for helping me overcome the challenges," she said.

She also reminisced about the fun and challenging moments she and her classmates

had in junior school. "We had fun competing in sports and academic challenges. Whether you were a player or a cheerleader, we all learned to bring team spirit to our games and

115 Kagman High seniors to pursue college

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An exit poll held Friday at Kagman High School showed that

115 of its graduating seniors plan to go to college here and off-island—62 percent of the 184 students graduating in June.

School principal Alfred Ada

each win or loss brought us closer together," she said.

Like her friend Muña, Hofschneider said she will also stay at GCA to continue her high school, expressing relief and pride about taking the next step in her education.

"I feel so happy and very proud of myself. All the hard work paid off," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Hofschneider, the daughter of Susan and William Hofschneider, was also presented seven other special awards during yesterday's ceremony.

Mariah Claire Chingcoe, an Eagle Award runner-up this year, was named first honorable mention.

Katrina Mae Cruz bagged the second honorable mention, while Jun Kitagawa was awarded third honorable mention.

The ceremony was highlighted by special presentations and slide shows by the graduating class. Flowers and gifts were also offered to parents.

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said this year's number is the highest percentage yet in the last eight years that the school has been doing the survey.

The Class of 2010 is a large increase over last school year's graduates of 138 students.

Ada, along with school counselor for seniors Sharon San Nicolas, disclosed that of the 115 going on to college, 96 will enroll at the Northern Marianas College, while three will be going to the NMI Trade Institute, a vocational school. Sixteen indicated that they will enroll in off-island colleges and universities.

The principal said most of previous years' records had more students wanting to join the military.

"We're very successful this year in trying to encourage our students to go to college. This is the first time in many years that we got a good number," Ada told *Saipan Tribune*.

The principal cited the very aggressive effort and effective recruitment campaign of NMC as a factor in the increase.

Ada and San Nicolas also cited the important role played by the school counselors. Ada said students were provided more focus, attention, and assistance by counselors.

Kagman High has four school counselors this year; it just had one or two in previous years.

Kagman High is also home to 32 teachers, 86 percent of whom are highly qualified.

This year, Ada said, only 20 seniors have decided to join the military—just 10 percent of the graduating students.

"It's been very competitive this year [even for military service]. Our school was visited by the U.S. Coast Guard, National Guard, Army, Navy, and Air Force. However, I think their recruitment effort is not as aggressive as in the past," Ada said.

Of the 184 respondents in the exit poll, only 18 students said they plan to work after graduation, while 13 are still undecided about their plans.

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Chefs' competition highlights final 'Taste'

Be sure to be at American Memorial Park tomorrow, May 29, for the final night of the 12th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. Besides the usual delicious food, drink and entertainment, the highlight will be the Chefs' Competition.

Beginning at 7pm, participating chefs will prepare a signature dish using Certified Angus Beef® chuck roll as the main ingredient. According to the Web site www.certifiedangusbeef.com, the chuck eye roast—also known as the boneless chuck filet or roll, or the pot roast—needs slow, moist cooking such as braising or roasting. The cut

can also be marinated and used for kabobs.

Each team will start with a 20-lb slab of Certified Angus Beef®, and will be judged on how they interpret the theme "Tropical Beef Sizzlers" with their entrée. Criteria for judging will include appearance, taste, tenderness/texture, and presentation of the theme.

Top winners will receive trophies courtesy of Marianas Visitors Authority, as well as Certified Angus Beef® gift packages from Triple J Five Star Wholesale and Triple J Super Fresh Market. Additionally, cash prizes, courtesy of Hotel Association of the Northern

Mariana Islands, will be given, with \$500 to the winner, \$300 to second place, and \$200 to the third place.

The competition is being sponsored by Certified Angus Beef. Participating chef teams are from Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Island Club Saipan, Palms Resort Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, and Saipan World Resort.

Besides the Chefs' Competition, there will be plenty of music and entertainment. For this concluding 2010 Taste of the Marianas, the activities will continue until 11pm.

"As usual, the annual Taste of the Marianas event has been

very popular," said Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "This culminating Saturday will again fulfill our commitment to provide wholesome, affordable fun for the whole family. It's a great experience for our visiting tourists as well as our local families. I hope everyone will be able to join us."

The annual Taste of the Marianas is held each Saturday in May by the MVA and HANMI in celebration of Tourism Month. The event begins at 6pm in the event and features reasonably priced dishes from local hotels and restaurants, free live entertainment, and weekly competitions. (MVA)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 28, 1999

Tighter FAS migration gets strong House backing

A legislation seeking government monitor on the stay of citizens from the Freely Associated States in the Northern Marianas made headway yesterday after the House of Representatives offered amendment that would further define the restrictions it has proposed. Members of the House committees on Federal and Foreign Relations as well as Labor and Immigration met yesterday to finalize their recommendations which the Legislature will consider when voting on the proposal begins. Among the changes proposed at the meeting were a 30-day period on deportation proceedings for ineligible FAS nationals and limiting the age of their dependents at 18 years old, but exempting those with disabilities from the age requirement.

Another playground from IT&E

IT&E Overseas, Inc., proudly announces the dedication of the newest playground donated by IT&E and constructed for the children of Saipan and the CNMI. This playground is located at the Kagman Municipal Park. The Kagman Playground is the fourth playground donated by IT&E in a program initiated in 1996 to provide quality playgrounds for the children of the Northern Marianas. Other playgrounds provided by IT&E are the Tronkon Dauk Playground at the Civic Center Beach Park, the Aftena Beach Park Playground in San Antonio and the PauPau Beach Park Playground in San Roque. It was through the combined efforts of IT&E and the Department of Parks and Recreation that these playgrounds have become a reality for the children of Saipan. IT&E purchased the equipment, and the Department of Parks and Recreation coordinated and completed construction of the playground.

May 28, 2001

GOP vouches for 'achievable' programs

Local leaders running under the Republican Party gathered at the Civic Center in Susupe yesterday in a unified effort to outline economic development plans they intend to carry when elected to office. GOP leaders noted close cooperation of all party members and supporters on Tinian, Rota and Saipan to address issues and concerns currently faced by the Commonwealth. Republican Party candidates are mapping out effective, simple and achievable programs which GOP will lay down as its campaign platform in the November elections, according to gubernatorial candidate Juan N. Babauta.

Financial woes pushing NMC to revisit priorities

Despite threats posed by budget cuts affecting essential programs at the Northern Marianas College, CNMI's lone post-secondary institution is determined to stay afloat by revisiting its priorities. Board of Regents Interim Chairman Fermin M. Atalig said in an interview that the college community will have to re-prioritize educational and other programs that it merits most critical. "Whenever this happens, based on our past experiences, we always prioritize according to what is more essential to the community college. I am sure we will carry on the programs. We can't stop just because of budget cuts," said Mr. Atalig.

May 28, 2002

Hike in license fees meant to drive gaming industry down

House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider said Friday that the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed the local measure increasing the local poker and pachinko license fees by 200 percent largely in a bid to drive down the industry. Hofschneider, who is a delegation member, said they needed to find a mitigating measure that would deter the proliferation of poker establishments, particularly in the villages. "The communities have been raising this issue with the Legislature that [the increase in poker arcades] is getting to a point where it's now a nuisance, not a contributing commercial entity in the communities and it's attracting the wrong kind of crowds in the villages," said Hofschneider.

FAA officials on island for airport projects

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has presented to the Federal Aviation Administration a comprehensive report on the status of FAA-funded airport projects in the Northern Marianas. Airports District Office Manager Ronnie V. Simpson and other FAA representatives, who arrived on Saipan Thursday, will be on Tinian today for an ocular inspection of the ongoing construction of the West Tinian International Airport. Tomorrow, Simpson will be joining CPA officials in Rota for a live full-scale drill to be administered by the ports authority's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Division.



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Not new world order

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In his 1991 State of the Union speech, President George H.W. Bush fanned the easily fanned fires of conspiracy theorists everywhere by invoking the phrase “new world order” to describe the international coalition that had lined up to oppose Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait.

On the extreme fringes of American politics, “new world order” is a buzzword for a one-world, black helicopter, Trilateral Commission, United Nations takeover of America. Of course, that’s not what Mr. Bush meant; he had in mind the kind of world order that one of his Republican predecessors, Dwight D. Eisenhower, had described as “a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect. Such a confederation must be one of equals. The weakest must come to the conference table with the same confidence as do we, protected as we are by our moral, economic, and military strength.”

On Saturday, another president called for a new world order, though in his speech to graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Barack Obama avoided that precise phrasing. Like Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Bush before him, Mr. Obama called for international coalitions “that can meet the challenges of our generation.”

Those challenges are not strictly military, the president said, but this new “international order” will “lessen conflicts around the world. It will be supportive of our efforts by our military to secure our country.”

As a statement of broad foreign policy imperatives, Mr. Obama’s contrasts boldly with those outlined eight years earlier, also to a West Point graduating class, by his immediate predecessor, George W. Bush.

“Our security will require transforming the military you will lead—a military that must be ready to strike at a moment’s notice in any dark corner of the world,” Mr. Bush said. “And our security will require all Americans to be forward-looking and resolute, to be ready for preemptive action when necessary to defend our liberty and to defend our lives.”

America’s right to strike unilaterally was a cornerstone of what became known variously as the “Bush Doctrine” or “cowboy diplomacy.” It led us into Iraq, not with the broad coalition of Bush pere, but with the “coalition of the willing” of Bush fils. On Saturday, Mr. Obama repudiated it.

“Yes, we are clear-eyed about the shortfalls of our international system,” Mr. Obama told the Corps of Cadets. “But America has not succeeded by stepping out of the currents of cooperation—we have succeeded by steering those currents in the direction of liberty and justice, so nations thrive by meeting their responsibilities and face consequences when they don’t.”

This is the Eisenhower Doctrine recast: “Together we must learn how to compose differences, not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose,” Mr. Eisenhower said in his 1961 farewell address.

More than most people, Mr. Eisenhower understood the limitations of military power. Only when military might is in service with the ideals of the nation can the nation succeed.

President Obama’s new “international order” places as much emphasis on meeting the non-military challenges as it does military ones—education, foreign development, intelligence, allegiance to law, clean energy, research and scientific advancement and rebuilding the national economy.

This is defense and foreign policy in a holistic sense, networked and nuanced. It’s harder to understand than building bigger bombs and chest pounding about military might. It’s also far more likely to succeed.



Saipan aflame

We are not doing a review of Bill Stewart’s narrative of the events surrounding the capture of Saipan by U.S. forces from Japan’s Imperial Army at the end of World War II, when the flame throwers were essential in rooting out diehard holdouts in hell hole caves, caverns and dugouts. This reflection is about Saipan aflame as an existential description of Beach Road these days. The flame trees are in bloom; they are resplendent to the max.

El Niño’s drought has been selective on trees made dry to be flowerless. The normally green grass cover of the wetland around lake Susupe is now perilously brown, susceptible to burst from a carelessly flicked cigarette butt. This is true even in the formerly lush cover of the Kagman watershed along Papago Drive where some flares have already gutted open fields, leaving scarred patches.

We need to be vigilant about this (and other kinds) of flame as detrimental to the health of flora and fauna on island, and the welfare of foreigner and friend in Saipan homes.

But first, the trees. What’s with the ironwood? How did it become the preferred street-lining tree and beachfront windbreaker of choice? Was it by virtue of its abundance in the southern shores of the US of A? I understand the importation of the flame tree for aesthetic purposes, but I cannot understand the allure of the ironwood other than its resemblance to pines, which makes it a sentimental choice of colonial *haoles*. Perhaps, it requires little attention to grow, and its leaves inhibit further growth of other vegetative cover underneath (toxicity of pine and ironwood is reportedly high), which makes it an ideal low-maintenance lawn and street-lining tree. Other than that, it is not suitable timber as it cracks and splinters easily.

My first trip to Singapore in the mid-’70s introduced me to modular trees. My Chinese colleague whose folks migrated from Hainan Dao (China’s island on the mouth of Gulf of Tonkin) said: “What are cranes for?” He showed me how the Singapore government transformed an urban park overnight with trees transplanted from tree farms and uprooted old ones to holes in the forest. The city believed that every canopied tree is worth nine aircon units, and in a decade, they proved their point by comparing the temperature of the city with Jahore next door in Malaysia. Singapore was cooler by a few degrees.

Modular trees are a common carbon filter in urban centers by designating trees to specified locations. If they perish in winter, they are dug out and replaced later with one from the city nursery and tree farm. Trees are potted like ornamental plants; its roots do not damage water pipes and electrical lines, nor does it live off the effluent of sewage. Habitat is human settlement intentionally planned (zoned).

BTW, we seem to have an aversion to zoning here in Saipan. A public housing built in Saskatoon, Canada in the mid-’70s parceled out occupancy so that a certain percentage were for grannies, another for families with young children, and the rest for singles and

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couples of any configuration. That way, there is a mixture of elders, adults and children in the same apartment complex. Zoning today is not parceling land as if it were the side of beef where one locates the loins and shanks, the stew meat and the steaks. Within designated zones in human habitats are residential and commercial units. In many cities, a residential complex can have a supermarket at the basement, or a bank on the ground floor. Input from the local residents is taken seriously in the zoning board, but as Ruth Tighe laments, public meetings are barely attended.

We have learned that the megacity will survive if it is comprised of smaller units that are diverse rather than homogenous. Cities like London, NYC, and Shanghai are finding out that centralized operations can be efficient in infrastructures but the participation of the consumers/citizens are essential to make it manageable in the long term.

Which brings us to the life of foreigner and friend in the Commonwealth. Trees are not the only things aflame in Saipan. Last week, along Beach Road, the foreigner expressed unity in gratitude as hope from the darkness of uncertainty and arbitrary treatment emerged out of the DOI recommendation to the U.S. Congress that a clear and swift path to legal residency and citizenship be made. There are among those who are not indigenous to these isles ardent citizens and compassionate immigrants whose loyalty to the sovereign realm is unassailable. They support this recommendation.

Today, along the same road will come local friends who believe they have been unfairly disenfranchised by the federal government in the decision-making process that impinge on the future make-up of the islands’ politics. There is considerable caution within this group to ensure that the justice sought on one side may not result in unfair liability on another, thus the need for further consultation of the parties involved.

To be sure, there are mercenaries and opportunists who will take advantage of a nebulous situation and would not hesitate to step on the backs of others in order to ascend toward a desired goal. There are also demagogues and fear-mongers who inflame passion, play the blame game, and execute cowardly character assassination, in the name of the many for, well, personal satisfaction? Both are understandable, none is justifiable.

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Aloft, alone!

Some things are so fun you get to mine the memories forever, which, for today at least, seems more compelling than digging into Saipan’s mother lode of economic problems. So I’m going to leap into one of my favorite events of a long time ago, back when I was a flight instructor in small airplanes, and would launch students on their first “solo” flight.

A solo, as you may surmise from the name, is when a student flies the aircraft all alone. The first solo is a big deal for students, quite possibly the most important day in a pilot’s life. But it’s also a big deal for the instructor, too, partly out of professional pride (“I taught that guy how to fly!”) and partially out of a little nervousness. The nervousness comes from the fact that you never really know how people will perform when they’re on their own; it’s a different psychological dynamic.

I had a psychological dynamic of my own to employ, and here’s how I approached the big solo for any given student: I’d ambush them. They didn’t see it coming.

But I did, of course. So, after I had honed a student into the proper shape and decided a student was ready to solo, we’d start off for what felt like a normal, average lesson on the Big Day. Then, after a couple of practice landings, and ensuring that the student wasn’t having an off day, I’d ask them to taxi the airplane to wherever my solo observation point was, and I’d say, with calculated nonchalance, “I’m going to stretch my legs, so I guess you should just take this thing up on your own for a bit.”

Before the words had a chance to sink in, I’d make the necessary endorsement in their log book, secure my area to ensure my

vacated seat belt wouldn’t foul the controls, make a radio call that I was releasing a student solo into the pattern (which wasn’t a required call, but it’s a good idea for a lot of reasons), and deliver a quick pre-solo brief that ends, like any briefing should, with “any questions?”

It was just about at this point that it would finally hit home to the student: They were on their own!

Their task, the standard first solo routine, was to do three take-offs and landings. So they’d taxi to the departure end of the runway, then take off, then box around back to final approach, then land, then taxi back to the departure end of the runway, and take off again, and so on.

The most common question was, “Ed, do you want me to land with flaps down or with flaps up?”

I’d shrug, “Up to you. You’re the captain.”

Ah, such magic words. A promotion from student to captain is quite a field commission. The “captain” title was always enough to nudge my more nervous students into the sufficiently egotistic frame of mind.

I’ve never tried to dance, but I’ve probably invented a few novel moves as a helpless observer on the ground, watching students doing their first solo landings, while I’d twist and turn using telepathic body-English to facilitate perfect touchdowns. Well, at first, I did. Eventually, I’d be content if they didn’t break anything and if I managed to make it back to the airport cafe before it ran out of biscuits and gravy.

There is a tradition that after a first solo you cut a swath of cloth

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from the student’s shirt, memorialize the event with some scribbling from a marker onto the cloth, and then hang that shard of fabric on the flight school wall. It’s not a tradition that I liked or upheld. So I’d have a camera handy and would take a snapshot of the student after their big flight, which is a lot easier to keep in a photo album than a torn up shirt is.

Well, it’s still fun to remember those days. The guy who gave me my instructor’s license passed away a long time ago, and he was a heck of a character. That’s the thing about flying: The aircraft pretty much blend together in retrospect, and it’s the people who you remember the most. I’m not rich enough in money yet, but, thanks to flying, I am abundant in characters.

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I’m happy to report that, contrary to the representations in my Feb. 19 column (“Good Girls Don’t), country music artist C.W. McCall is very much among the living. The website CW-Mccall.com has information on this uniquely American legend.

Letters to the Editor

No godsend

I find it very disturbing that a person who has not resided in the CNMI for such a long time would praise another individual who hardly visits our islands (staying for less than four days every visit) to be the “godsend,” “most qualified,” and “knowledgeable” individual to make recommendations that affects our social and political future in the CNMI. Despite Mr. Babauta’s background as a Pacific islander, he has no clue as to the welfare, the desires, and the need of the Chamorro and Carolinians in the Marianas. He is as ignorant and as oblivious about the people of the CNMI as a Stocktonian who was born in the CNMI and claimed to be an islander, but never understood the sentiments of the people on the islands. Despite Tony Babauta’s vast experience in the committees and the halls of the U.S. Congress, his only knowledge about the CNMI and its indigenous people is what he reads in literature and media. He does not know and never was knowledgeable in the desires, intentions and sentiments of the CNMI people, and never expressed any interest in taking the time to know the people of the CNMI. He’s the typical Washington bureaucrat that writes report based on other people’s report without substantiating its foundation.

No, thank you, Mr. Tony Babauta! You never was, and never will be considered by many in the CNMI as a “godsend” and “knowledgeable” in our affairs. Despite your background as a Chamorro, you’re the typical federalist that continues to ignore the interest and

Indigenous control of the CNMI

If the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians knew from the beginning that when they imported guest workers, these “guest” workers would eventually remain in the CNMI permanently and ultimately gain residency or citizenship, it never would have happened. If we knew that these friendly, helpful people would in time be granted permanent residency by the federal government, setting in place the eventual weakening of indigenous control of these islands, it never would have happened. If we knew that these people would disrespect us on our own native soil, state remarks in the media that they “welcome” an indigenous rally, endorse something that was never ever contemplated when they signed a contract to work temporarily on these islands, we never would have allowed such a massive influx of aliens into our islands. It is completely unfair that the Interior Department would recommend granting these foreigners residency or citizenship and somehow fail to keep in mind that the indigenous people have a fundamental stake in maintaining control of their own native islands. What were they thinking? The interests of the native inhabitants should take precedence over the interests of foreigners. Period.

The indigenous people of the Northern Marianas must realize that allowing some 20,000 foreigners to remain here permanently and eventually gain U.S. citizenship will spell disaster for our people. We will be overrun by aliens in our own homeland. We must not allow this! Protect our heritage and our islands and keep it in indigenous hands.

The guest workers that came here under CNMI immigration

sentiments of our people and you are not working for the betterment of our people. And for those who do consider you a “godsend” and “knowledgeable,” they are equally as ignorant and insensitive to the local population of the CNMI.

As per the statement that most of the contract workers are qualified to be U.S. citizens in accordance to U.S. immigration laws, why then do we need the U.S. Congress to make special consideration for the foreign workers? Let them all be processed through the normal procedures without special consideration. After all we are a fair country and all should be treated equally. Go through the normal process; it would be unfair to others who have gone through the costly and time-consuming procedures.

I for one do appreciate the work of the foreign workers and I am certain that, except for a very few, all those who stay behind all these years are justly compensated in exchange for the work performed. As in any jurisdiction in the U.S., compensation for work performed and merit increase in essence is a form of appreciation given to the worker for outstanding performance. If a person is doing an outstanding job it is through the process of promotion and salary increase that the employer shows such appreciation. If you like your job as an employee you will continue to work. If not, you will quit. Accordingly, I am certain that this is one of the foremost reasons for most of the foreign workers deciding to stay in the CNMI for more than 10 or 15 years, and reasonably so with the expected annual increase in minimum wage. Unfortunately though, with the restriction of Article XII and the consequential increases in

should not be allowed to remain permanently—unless they have gained residency or citizenship through marriage or some other legal channel. It was never proposed when they signed their employment contracts. It is not fair to the indigenous people.

This issue is bigger than any single individual. This issue is about the maintenance of indigenous control of the Northern Marianas—political control through elected office and economic control through Article 12. If we go the way of Interior’s recommendations, we can kiss our islands goodbye.

Christopher Attao Concepcion

Chalan Piao, Saipan

Gas prices

Note to Shell and Mobil: Oil prices have dropped from 85 dollars a barrel to 69 dollars over the last three weeks. OK, there will always be some lag time but three weeks? Customers can call the Attorney General’s Office to investigate at 664-2310.

John McGuire

Fina Sisu, Saipan

the cost of living, the CNMI may not be a very attractive job market in the future. As a result we will experience the exodus of workers to either Guam or the U.S. mainland. Thus with the number of people going to other U.S. jurisdiction we have to scramble and compete for a share of the H1 and H2 visas under the federal immigration lottery system and good luck with that!

Joseph Mendiola

San Jose Village, Tinian

Stand up and be counted

Where are you now, indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians? Can you stand up, be proud and be counted as *Metgot Na Taotao Tano* CNMI? Can we all be united Chamorro and Carolinians regardless of political beliefs and which island in the CNMI you come from? Let us all join hearts and march to the rally and express our support for one another and for our island. Let us all speak out loud and clear and be heard that we will not be pushed back, *para i san tate*. The CNMI belongs to the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinians, “*Tano mame yan hame taotao tano*.”

I finally came home to Saipan after so many years of living in the U.S. I am married to a Chamorro/ Carolinian man. I am an American citizen, but I am a Chamorro first. I am so heartbroken to see motorcades and rallies happening here on our islands, and to hear demands from 21,000 guest workers that they be granted U.S. citizenship.

My father, the late master carver/artist Tun Segundo Blas, moved his children to Guam, in the late ’60s. My father sold our lands on Saipan and petitioned for his children for U.S. citizenship. He was a Chamorro, not a guest nor contract worker. *Guahu direcho na si tata hu. Yan guahu direcho ku para baihu protehi i tano hu*. And I have the freedom to speak out loud and clear here in my homeland.

Susana Blas DiGuerrero

Capital Hill, Saipan

AFLAME






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Saipan aflame on Beach Road and elsewhere need to keep its eyes focused forward, not to point fingers and accuse persons of malignant intents as if a conspiracy was plausible to lead us to this conundrum, but to ask the question on how we all are to live the future of our making within the framework of the sovereign law of a nation of immigrants. There are indigenes who have taken their assets and moved elsewhere. More power to them. There are foreigners who have made these isles their home. Let us welcome them. Let Saipan aflame be a beacon of the sharing that we all know Chamolinian culture to be.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Palau	Rain	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 89 ▼ 79
Majuro	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 57 ▼ 51
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▼ 62
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 78
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 73
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65 ▼ 50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 52
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 84
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 62 ▼ 52
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 75
New York	Showers	▲ 70 ▼ 56
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 58
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 48
Pusan	Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 57
Rome	Showers	▲ 74 ▼ 59
Salem	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 47
San Francisco	Rain	▲ 53 ▼ 48
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 58
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 61
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 73 ▼ 62

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
6:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
2:09 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
9:19 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak trough of low pressure stretches from 2N137E to 8N138E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough can be found near Palau between 2N and 8N from 131E to 140E. An upper-level trough enters the discussion area near 25N141E and extends southward to 10N131E. A surface trough of low pressure stretches from 10N134E to 15N138E. Scattered showers generated by a combination of convergence associated with the surface trough and favorable winds from the upper-level trough can be found within 220 miles east and west of the surface trough axis. Another surface trough of low pressure extends from near EQ154E to 5N159E. Scattered showers associated with the trough are located south of Pohnpei between the equator and 6N from 152E to 160E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers between the equator and 10N from 160E to 180 covering Kosrae State, Kwajalein and portions of the Marshall Islands. A shear line enters the discussion area near 25N180 to 21N70E to 18N155E to end near 21N148E. Patches of clouds and showers can be found along and up to 200 miles north of the boundary.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:04 PM	5:35 AM
Saturday	7:59 PM	6:30 AM
Sunday	8:50 PM	7:25 AM
Monday	9:37 PM	8:20 AM
Tuesday	10:19 PM	9:12 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM C09597 5:00am 5:30am 1, 5	GUAM-ROTA (ROP) C09598 6:30pm 7:00pm 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	GUAM-SAIPAN C09316 2:45am 3:35am Daily C09596 7:00am 7:50am Daily C09600 10:05am 10:55am Daily C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) DL287 5:55am 8:35am Daily DL297 3:35pm 6:15pm Daily DL289 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL290 10:00am 2:35pm Daily DL298 10:30am 3:05pm Daily DL288 8:40pm 1:15am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) OZ604 2:20am 6:10am 1 OZ604 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ606 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN OZ605 9:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 OZ603 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 OZ603 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN FM843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) CZ3008 3:30am 6:40am 2, 6	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN CZ3007 7:30pm 2:40am+1 1, 5
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota-Guam			
	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily
Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Kilili lauds PDI's Matsumura for 25-year service

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) presented Yoichi Matsumura with a congressional certificate of commendation "in recognition of his 25 years of dedication, service and leadership to foster the growth, development and quality of the tourism industry in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

"The CNMI owes a debt of gratitude to stalwart individuals

like Mr. Matsumura that have been very instrumental in the Commonwealth's economic development and tourism, in particular," said Sablan.

Matsumura and his company, Pacific Development Inc., has stayed committed to make the CNMI more competitive and attractive to Asian markets.

Originally from Japan, Matsumura was recruited in 1984 to work on Saipan as a tour

relation coordinator for PDI, a local travel company established in 1972 to bring primarily Japanese tourists to the CNMI. As PDI grew over the years, Matsumura was given greater responsibilities earning him a promotion to manager, assistant general manager, general manager, and eventually to president of PDI in December 2007 to the present.

Considered a veteran in the

CNMI's tourism industry, Matsumura has served as an elected member on the board of directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority since 2004. He is also active in social and community events that promote the

Judge reconsiders 'no bail' for ex-convict in misdemeanor case

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos has reconsidered the "no bail" order he earlier imposed on a man accused of assaulting a Corrections officer.

Inos allowed John M. Namauleg to post \$500 cash and \$4,500 unsecured bond, with an order to stay away from the victim and his family. Arraignment was set for June 7, 2010 at 9am.

Police arrested Namauleg on Sunday after he allegedly assaulted a Corrections officer at the local prison where he was detained for violating his probation.

Namauleg's counsel, Douglas Hartig, said his client was arrested without a warrant on misdemeanor charges of assault and disturbing the peace.

Hartig said he asked for an

CNMI's tourism potential earning him awards and recognition from the CNMI House of Representatives, Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, among others. He is an active collaborator with CNMI government-sponsored tourist promotions. (PR)

unsecured bail as his client, accused of two minor offenses, is not a flight risk. To hold Namauleg without bail was a violation of the Commonwealth Code, Hartig said.

The judge at first would not modify the order, expressing concern for the safety of the alleged victim's wife, who was characterized as the target of Namauleg's threats.

Hartig asked the court to reconsider and on Wednesday, Inos granted the motion.

Namauleg, an ex-convict who allegedly repeatedly stabbed a female garment worker that resulted in her being paralyzed, got off scot-free in September 2009 after the government withdrew all charges filed against him. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, second from left, presents a U.S. Congress Certificate of Commendation to Yoichi Matsumura, center, president of Pacific Development Inc. On hand at the presentation are PDI staff, from left, Gordon Marciano, Masanori Takahashi, and Mario Espeleta.

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Rota, Tinian reps join Liberation Queen pageant

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

After three years of non-participation in the Liberation Day Queen competition, both Rota and Tinian have decided to take part in this year's celebration with the confirmation of their candidates for the occasion.

This raises to 10 the total number of contestants for what is considered the biggest community event of the year.

According to Tina Pangelinan, chairperson of the Liberation Queen committee, 18-year-old Khristyne Atalig will represent Tinian while Berlan Tayleen B. Apatang, a 17-year-old senior at Rota High School, will vie for the title for Rota.

The two will join Angela B. Aldan, Sashana I. Atalig, Yuri Marie E. Cepeda, Rayna Anabeth D. Chong, Marla Helbert, Josifynn Vivian Q. Rasa, Zelma Alyssa D. Santos, and Marie Kastel S. Tambiga.

Rota and Tinian last participated in the competition in 2006 during which their candidates were crowned Liberation Queen and royal court princess.

Lack of funding

Overall Liberation Day chair Jonas Barcinas expressed frustration yesterday at the inaction of lawmakers on their \$45,000 funding request for the festivities.

"We're frustrated because we're working for the preparation with a very tight budget... and we're running out of time"

Barcinas said yesterday.

Despite this, he said the Saipan Mayor's Office and the committees are doing their best to prepare for the celebration.

Liberation Day festivities will start on June 4 and run until July 4.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that a portion from the municipality's revenue was being tapped for the building of festival booths while they wait for the lawmaker's approval of the funding request.

These funds, according to Barcinas yesterday, are still short and need to be replenished.

Despite the funding challenges, he vowed to "make it happen" for the community members. "We're frustrated...but we will make it happen because this

is for the community," he said.

Barcinas also called on the community and private sector to give their support to make this year's celebration a success.

He disclosed that 3,000 tickets were printed for this year's Liberation Queen competition.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to the fierce, feisty, and fabulous Jack Kiyoshi, who is celebrating his birthday today, May 28, 2010! Hoping that you have a fantabulous day! Much love coming from all your family and friends, most especially your NMC Proa family, and the entire NMC Alumni Association.

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Birthday greetings go out to Johannes "John" N. Maratita who's celebrating his 18th birthday today, May 28, 2010. Happy birthday John, you're finally 18, you're the boom, many blessings goes your way and wishing you many more birthdays to come! We love you very much. Enjoy your day. Greetings come from your cuzos and all the family.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ryan Otizo on your high school graduation on May 29, 2010 and for being the 2010 Mount Carmel School Valedictorian! When you do your best and you really try, the results are excellent and you are the living proof of that. We are so proud of you! Love, the Posadas family.

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Glenn Policare, third left, and Mayuki Kebukawa receive their prizes and trophy from Susan Marchitti, left, *Beach Road Magazine* sales manager, and Glen Hunter, group business manager, Transpacific International Inc. during the award ceremony held at Oleai Beach Bar on May 23.

Car Rally's 2010 edition crowns new champions

It can't get any tougher than this.

With the entire course totaling almost 50 miles long, the fourth edition of *Beach Road Magazine's* car rally proved to be the longest and most difficult rally ever.

Strictly following instructions and monitoring their time, the team composed of Glenn Policare, activity manager at Pacific Islands Club, and his partner, dive instructor Mayuki Kebukawa, scored 1,065 points and clinched victory on their third try.

"This is a bittersweet victory. I really wanted to do well this year," said Policare whose car overheated last year, forcing him out of competition.

Policare and Kebukawa won \$200, gift packs, and a trophy.

The team of Anna Manibusan and *Beach Road Magazine* April 2004 cover model Darryl Aldan came in second with 1,045 points and received \$150, gift packs, and a trophy.

First-time participants Jan Michael Reyes and Sharisse Rivera finished third with 1,020 points. They received \$100, gift packs, and a trophy.

Fourth to 12th place winners received gift certificates and Coca-Cola premium items.

Beach Road Magazine Car Rally master and sales manager Susan Marchitti says, "This year had a nice mix of veteran and new competitors, and the winners were a combination of both. The course was longer and possibly more challenging, but for the most part, the contestants performed well and everyone seemed to have a good time. While one car

overheated early in the event, everyone else made it through to the end even though it was a very warm day and there were several events taking place around the island that caused some interference."

The close to 50-mile-long car rally started at the Hollywood Theaters parking lot where participants, with their set of instructions, began finding their way to the checkpoints located at San Antonio, Oleai Beach Bar, Governor's Office, and Joteten Kagman.

All but one of the 12 cars reached the finish line last Saturday.

Beach Road Magazine's car rally remains a crowd drawer, as more than 30 participants comprising 12 teams showed up this year.

With a \$15 registration, the participants received complimentary shirt and drinks.

Owing to the continued support of the public, *Beach Road Magazine* is extending the rally's run for another year.

Coinciding with its 5th year, the car rally promises a bigger, expanded edition in 2011 with bigger prizes at stake.

Glimpses of Saipan, publisher of *Beach Road Magazine*, extends its gratitude to all supporters including DPS, DPH, EMS, PHI Pharmacy, Budget Rent A Car, Megabyte, Micronesian Brokers, Coca-Cola, Subway, Foremost, Scoops, Get Covered Enterprises, Saipan Grand Hotel, Revolving Restaurant 360, World Resort, Pacific Islands Club, Topnotch, Saipan Advertising, Elite Printing and Steam Car Wash. (PR)



NEW ENGINEERS

Congratulations to John Sablan Tudela (left, son of Serafin and Antonia Tudela) and Angel Camacho Falig Jr. (right, son of Angel and Patricia Falig) for graduating from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering on May 15, 2010. We wish you the best in all of your future endeavors and we are very proud of you both! Love, your family and friends!

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Ben Babauta is NMC alumnus for first quarter

The Northern Marianas College Alumni Association has selected Vicente "Ben" Babauta as its 2010 Alumnus of the First Quarter.

After graduating from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School in 1985, Babauta immediately enrolled at NMC to pursue a degree in the field of

NMC offers NCLEX prep class

The CNMI Area Health Education Center, through the Northern Marianas College Community Development Institute, is sponsoring a preparatory class for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. To become a licensed registered nurse, candidates in the CNMI and in the U.S. mainland must first pass the NCLEX.

To qualify to register for the course, students must have at least an associate degree in Nursing.

The CNMI Area Health Education Center will subsidize this review course for those individuals who are CNMI legal residents (i.e. U.S. citizens, U.S. green card holders, and Immediate Relatives who are dependents of or married to U.S. citizens). Because funding is limited, subsidy is based on first-come-first-serve. Applicants are asked to submit a copy of their highest nursing degree and a valid ID, U.S. passport, driver's license, or birth certificate for verification

business. He was able to successfully obtain his associate degree in Business Administration from the college just three years later.

With over 22 years in luxury retail business and as the current acting general manager of operations for Duty Free Shoppers Galleria Saipan, one

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Seating is limited so advanced registration is required.

Class must meet minimum enrollment in order to run. If class fails to meet such enrollment, NMC reserves the right to reschedule or cancel such courses. Other courses and customized training can be provided for all interested. Please contact CDI for more information. (NMC)

wonders where Babauta finds the time for himself.

This humble community leader has served in many community-based organizations to include 15 years as a member of the Tournament of Champions and current chairman, five years as the president of the NMC Foundation, five years as a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Saipan, president of the Saipan Swim Club (which garnered 51 medals during the recent Micro Games held on Saipan), American Red Cross board of directors member, Free Trade Zone board of directors member, was an assistant scout master for Boy Scouts Troop 902, and is the current Saipan Chamber of Commerce Business Person

of the Year.

"One of the aspects that many NMC alumni cherish most about the college is the sense of belonging while attending the school," said Babauta. "This holds especially true for me."

"One of my fondest memories of NMC is helping to establish the Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College and being an officer," said Babauta.

Babauta did not fail to mention that through his educational career at the college, he was able to gain the necessary organizational and leadership skills that would eventually help him to achieve and succeed in all his endeavors throughout his years of service in the retail industry.

Outside of his professional



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Vicente "Ben" Babauta, Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year and current executive of Duty Free Shoppers Galleria, has been selected as the Northern Marianas College Alumni Association's Alumnus of the First Quarter for the year 2010.

career, Babauta spends most of his leisure time road and mountain biking and running. He is married to Linda Babauta and shares two children, Nicole and Benjamin. (NMC)

ATTENTION

All CNMI Government employees currently in the 401(a) Defined Contribution (DC) Retirement Plan.

ASC Trust Corporation is pleased to announce the implementation of the NMI Government's

457 Retirement Savings Plan

Effective April 1, 2010.

We will be conducting Employee Plan Presentations. Please see the following schedules for your island:

SAIPAN

**Wednesday, June 2, 2010
at the Multi Purpose Center
in Susupe, Saipan**

Session 1:	9:00am to 10:00am
Session 2:	10:30am to 11:30am
Session 3:	2:00pm to 3:00pm
Session 4:	3:30pm to 4:30pm

TINIAN

**Thursday, June 3, 2010
at the Tinian Youth Center,
San Jose, Tinian**

Session #1:	9:00am to 10:00
Session #2:	10:30am to 11:30am
Session #3:	1:30pm to 2:30pm
Session #4:	3:00pm to 4:00pm

**Friday, June 4, 2010
at the Tinian Youth Center,
San Jose, Tinian**

Session #1:	8:30am to 9:30am
Session #2:	10:00am to 11:00am

Please join us for one of our sessions so that you can obtain information that will benefit you and your future.

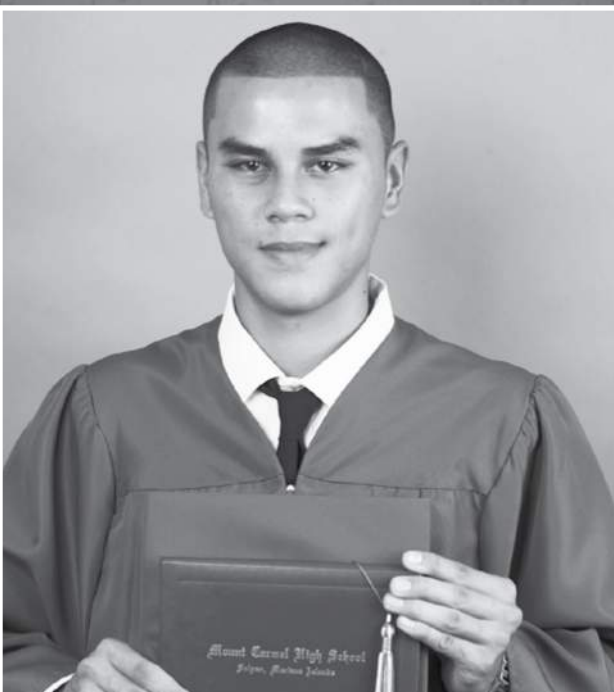
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FROM: DAD, MOM, SAL, ZETTE, LEI, NANA AND KIKU BOY

MVA recognizes long-term employees, Employee of the Year

Six employees of the Marianas Visitors Authority were recognized this month for their long-term service with the tourism office, along with this year's Employee of the Year.

Employees recognized for 20 years of service were administrative specialist II Sandra Atalig, trades technician I Alfred Maratita, trades technician II Atson Poll, and Community Projects coordinator III Frank Tudela. Ten-year service recognition was given to marketing specialist II Brenda Repeki and accountant I Mary Muña, while marketing specialist Skye Seo was selected from among three other finalists as the MVA's Employee of the Year.

For many of the awardees, a good working relationship with co-workers and tourism partners



Tudela



Poll



Maratita



Atalig

has been one of the most fulfilling parts of their careers at the tourism office.

"My favorite part of the job is working closely with community organizations, MVA business members, tour travel partners, and government agencies in planning and executing of community-related projects," said Tudela, who plays an instrumental role in annual sig-

nature events such as Taste of the Marianas, XTERRA Saipan Championship, and Tagaman triathlon.

"Working as a team with all my past and present co-workers in Saipan, Tinian, Japan, Korea, and Russia, as well as working with other government entities, has helped me gain the knowledge needed to excel in my tasks," echoed Atalig, who

works at the MVA Rota office.

Atalig joined the then-Marianas Visitors Bureau in 1989 as an administrative aide, while Tudela started the same year as a trades helper within the field operations division, responsible for maintaining visitor sites. While the field operations division on Saipan has since transferred to the Division of Parks and Recreation, the MVA is still

responsible for those duties on Tinian and Rota.

"I do mechanic and working outside maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of our island," said Maratita of the MVA Rota Office.

"I am happy that I reached 20 years working with MVA despite the hardship and toughness of our work, such as working under the hot sun!"

"Our work is not an easy task, especially when it comes working under the hot sun and waking up early in the morning to set up for sponsored events," agreed Poll.

Nonetheless, Poll said maintaining the tourist sites on Rota is still his favorite part of the job.

"I feel happy that I served the MVA for 20 years," he said. "I've learn many trade skills—how to serve our visitors, work-

ing with my co-workers to make our MVA events run smoothly, maintaining our tourist site attractions, and caring for our nursery plants. MVA is like a family to me."

The awardees also noted the benefits of the industry to which they have devoted their life's work.

"The tourism industry is the backbone of any country's economic position," said Tudela. "It generates new employment avenues and also raises the living conditions of the citizens. Infrastructure development is another advantage of tourism industry."

"I want the community to know that our tourism industry is an importance to our community," said Atalig. "Let's work hand in hand on making our destination a memorable experience for our visitors."

Employee of the Year Seo is on the leave and will receive her plaque at a later date. (MVA)

Fund board clarifies reasons for maintaining current ECR

The NMI Retirement Fund management and board of trustees explained in a statement issued yesterday why the board voted to maintain the current actuarially determined employer contribution rate, ECR.

During the regular board meeting on May 25, 2010, Dylan Porter from Buck Consultants, the Fund's actuary, delivered the Fund's Actuarial Valuation Report as of Oct. 1, 2008.

Dylan explained that due to shrinking current CNMI government employees' payroll in which to calculate the employer contribution pursuant to Public Law 6-17, at some point in the future, the ECR will exceed 100 percent. A solution, he advised the board, is to encourage the Legislature to amend PL 6-17 in order to move from an actuarially determined percentage to an actuarially determined dollar amount, or a line-item appropriation.

A comparison of Porter's recommended dollar amount, as provided in his report, was about

the same amount as presented in the Fund's 5 Point Plan using FY2011 budget calculations. During an earlier meeting, the Legislature expressed support of the Fund and the government negotiation teams' 5 Point Plan, including proposed legislative amendments such as PL 6-17 providing for a line-item appropriation.

"It is for these primary reasons that the board, with Mr. Porter's advice and support, adopted the FY2008 Actuarial Report but maintained the current actuarially determined ECR," the statement said. "Recent reports that the board's decision was based on other factors are misleading. The board strives to continually uphold its fiduciary duty of protecting Fund assets for all Fund members. As members of this community, the board is cognizant that the CNMI's worsening economic condition affects all Fund members; however, this is not the reason for their decision to maintain the current ECR." (NMIRF)

Woman on probation arrested for alleged continued drug use

A woman who is on probation for illegal possession of illegal drugs was arrested on Tuesday after the Adult Probation Office found out that she had tested positive for use of methamphetamine and marijuana.

Megan Rose Palacios Masga, 20, was brought to the Superior Court on Wednesday for violating the terms and conditions of her probation.

The court remanded Masga to the Department of Corrections and ordered to appear at the next hearing.

Masga was convicted in November 2009 of illegal posses-

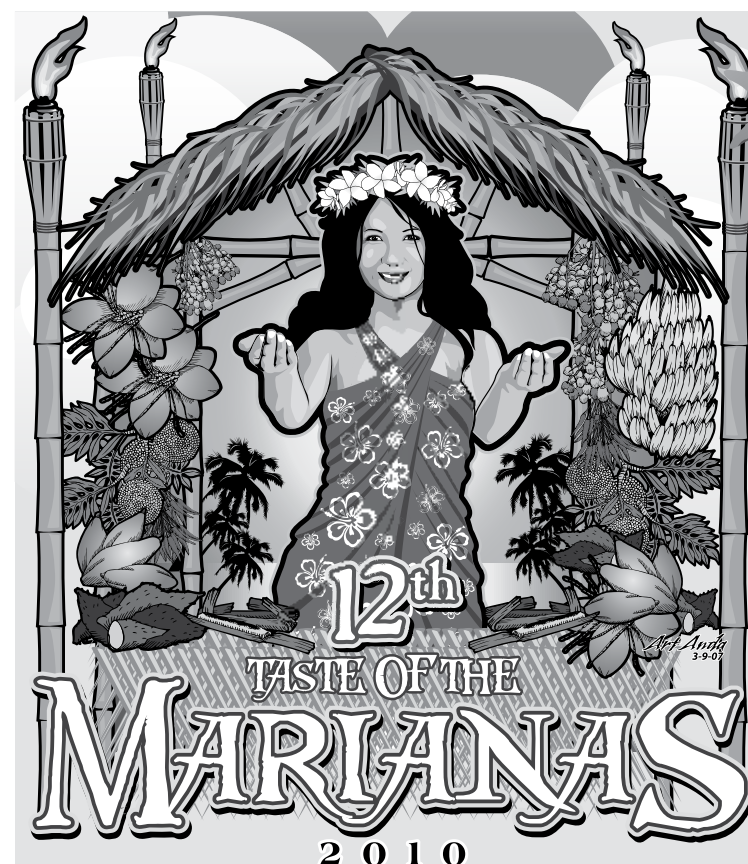
sion of a controlled substance and was placed on probation for three years. Her probation will expire on Nov. 25, 2012.

A probation officer stated in her report that, on May 13, 2010, Masga admitted to smoking "ice" the day before and smoking marijuana a week after May 9, 2010.

The officer said Masga tested positive for "ice" and marijuana use on May 13, 2010.

She also failed a drug test on March 10, 17, April 9, and 13, 2010.

The officer said that Masga admitted to continued use of illegal drugs. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden

This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by over 15 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.

Radio Tourism Trivia

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. "Did you Know?" and "Fun Facts about Tourism in the Northern Marianas" will be aired regularly throughout the month on 103.9 FM KZMI, Power 99, and 97.9 FM The KAT.

"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation

Learn about the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this slideshow to be held every Thursday at the Garapan Street Market and every Saturday at the Taste of the Marianas. Tourism Month informational packages will also be available on-site. The presentation will also target the schools with the help of the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC).

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on the public as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics. The questions and answers will be featured regularly via the newspapers.



Fernandez tops Bartender's Cocktail Competition

For the best combination of showmanship, taste, originality, audience impact, and neatness, bartender Roland Fernandez of Palms Resort Saipan captured first place of the Bartender's Cocktail Competition at last Saturday's Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden.

With his signature cocktail "Cosmic Dimension," Fernandez bested seven other competi-

tors in the annual competition. First runner-up honors went to Bernard Aquino of Hyatt Regency Saipan. Second runner-up was Ma. Theresa Rio of Pacific Islands Club Saipan for her unique concoction "Burnett's King's Lad." Third runner-up prize went to Marlon Pineda with Saipan World Resort for his cocktail "Blue Ocean."

Participants were given five minutes to prepare four drinks,

one for display and three for tasting. All recipes were required to include Burnett's Flavored Vodka and a Coco-Cola Bottling Company product.

The Best in Showmanship Award also went to Ma. Theresa Rio. Best in Taste Award went to Bernard Aquino of Hyatt Regency Saipan with his "Marianas Trench." Best in Prop & Costume Award was garnered by Ramil F. E-

staquio of Wonderful Bar.

Winner took home cash prizes, trophies, and other gifts. Other contestants were Han-Bum Sean Park of the PIC Saipan, Jennifer Muyon of 360 Revolving Restaurant and Darwin Capati with the Hyatt.

Major sponsors for the annual competition are the Marianas Visitors Authority, MARPAC, Burnett's Flavored Vodka, DFS Galleria Saipan, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Systems 4 You/Total Cosmetics, WVC Incorporated, Cargo

Express & IT&E.

Tomorrow's Taste of the Marianas—the last of the series—will feature the Chefs' Competition, pitting junior chefs of major island hotels against each other beginning at 7pm. (MVA)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Bartenders Cocktail Competition was held at the Marianas Visitors Authority's Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden on May 22, 2010, at American Memorial Park, Saipan. From left are champion Roland Fernandez, 3rd runner up Marlon Pineda, Best in Props and Costume winner Ramil Eustaquio, tournament director Lito Espino, MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas, 2nd runner up and Best in Showmanship winner Maria Theresa B. Rio, first runner up and Best in Taste winner Bernard Aquino, and Systems 4 You branch manager Doris Barcial.

List of Energy Star appliances retailers out

The following retailers of qualified energy-efficient Energy Star appliances are registered with the CNMI Energy Division office as participating retailers and authorized to accept and process appliances rebate vouchers issued by the CNMI Energy Division:

- YCO Corporation, Garapan
 - Pacific Home Appliances, Garapan
 - Ace Hardware store: Gualo Rai, San Vicente, Susupe, and Rota branches
 - Taro Sue store, Garapan.
- For more information, contact the CNMI Energy Division

office at 664-4480/1, fax at 664-4483, e-mail address at cnmie-energy@gmail.com, or visit its office at House No. 1337, Ascension Dr. Capitol Hill, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am and 12:30 and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday except legal holidays. (PR)

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 003 D 02 (Formerly Block 1 Lot 2), as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00 dated February 19, 1971, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry on the 1st day of March, 1971, as Document No. 689, and containing an area of 1,022 square meters, more or less, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be \$90,000.00.


The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2010, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
- Deposit:** Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2010.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director

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Business

Continental Airlines announces new service

»From Houston hub to Auckland, New Zealand

HOUSTON—Continental Airlines announced yesterday another major step in development of its Houston hub with plans to begin nonstop Boeing 787 flights to Auckland, New Zealand on Nov. 16, 2011 (subject to government approval). Auckland will be added to

the 63 international destinations that Continental currently serves nonstop from Houston, and will become the 26th destination in Continental’s Pacific network. Continental serves more destinations in the Pacific region than any other U.S. carrier. Continental will be one of just three airlines flying nonstop between North America and New Zealand. At approximately 7,400 miles, the new route will

be the longest from Continental’s Houston hub. Continental plans to operate the route on a daily basis, with five-times-weekly service during certain periods in the first year of operation. Continental is the first airline in the world to formally announce specific, initial route plans for its Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet. The airline has firm orders for 25 Dreamliners. The

787 is a new-technology composite aircraft with lower operating costs, better environmental performance and an improved cabin environment for customer comfort. Deliveries to Continental are expected to begin in Aug. 2011. The aircraft will have 228 seats, including 36 of Continental’s new flat-bed BusinessFirst seats for the best rest on long-distance flights.

Continental also unveiled a modernized and expanded customer check-in facility in Terminal C at its Houston hub at Bush Intercontinental Airport. “Our new route to Auckland and our new and upgraded facilities at IAH are tangible examples of the emphasis we place on continuing to expand Houston’s role in domestic and international aviation,” said Jeff Smisek, Continental’s chairman, president and CEO. “This hub has ongoing growth opportunities because it has a strategic location, space for expansion, support from the

community and an excellent team of Continental co-workers who deliver our clean, safe and reliable service.” “This new flight between Houston and Auckland shows how the Dreamliner will create new opportunities to connect global markets that currently are not being served,” said Mario Diaz, Houston Airport System director of aviation. “As the largest hub for Continental, George Bush Intercontinental Airport is honored to be selected as the launch pad for the Continental Boeing 787.” (Continental)

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB10-DCCA/NAP-112**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 22, 2010 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

**“FY 2010 REDEMPTION AGENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS, NAP DIVISION”**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ MELVIN L.O. FAISAO  
SECRETARY OF DC&CA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB10-DOC-103**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 15, 2010 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**“SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN ARCHIVE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE”**

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A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 02, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M., ON THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUILDING IN CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN.

QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND ADDRESSED TO MR. IVAN A. BLANCO, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL STATISTICS DIVISION VIA FAX TO (670) 664-3067 OR EMAIL TO director.csd@commerce.gov.mp NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 04, 2010, CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

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/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**RFP10-OHS-099**

SUBMISSION: JUNE 17, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**“CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING 1326 AND 1358**

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A MANDATORY SITE VISIT WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 03, 2010 AT 9:30 A.M., BEGINNING WITH BUILDING 1326 AND WILL THEN CONTINUE ONWARD TO BUILDING 1358. PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE SITE VISIT. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE SITE VISIT SHALL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. PATRICK J. TENORIO, SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OHS BY EMAIL TO pitenorio@gmail NO LATER THAN JUNE 08, 2010 CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

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/s/ PATRICK J. TENORIO  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**RE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF RFP10-OVR-085**

SUBMISSION: JUNE 22, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**“INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION”**

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A PRE-SUBMISSION ORIENTATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, NAVY HILL, SAIPAN AT 10:00 A.M., JUNE 08, 2010. PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS ORIENTATION. QUESTIONS ARE DUE ON JUNE 11, 2010 NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

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/s/ MARGARITA OLOPAI-TAITANO  
DIRECTOR OF OVR

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB10-DPH-105**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 09, 2010 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

**“PURCHASE OF SIX (6) LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH”**

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/S/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**RFP10-DPL-096**

SUBMISSION: JUNE 15, 2010 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**“TO CONDUCT SURVEYING SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE PREPARATION OF PERIMETER AND TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY, EIA, AND SUBDIVISION DESIGN INTO ONE PACKAGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS”**

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QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO MS. PATRICIA S. RASA, DIRECTOR, DPL PLANNING DIVISION AT (670) 234-3751/3752/53/57 OR BY FAX TO (670) 234-3755, NO LATER THAN JUNE 03, 2010, CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

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/s/ OSCAR M. BABAUTA  
SECRETARY OF DPL

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
DIRECTOR, P&S

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Attorney for Marianas Public Land Trust

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
**FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**FRANCISCO A. AGUON and ROSALIA M. AGUON,**

**Defendants.**

**Civil Action No. 06-0324-CV**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

**Date: July 20, 2010**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Judge: Ramona Manglona**

**TO DEFENDANTS FRANCISCO A. AGUON and ROSALIA M. AGUON,**

**PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER, NOTICE IS HEREBY**

**GIVEN that on July 20, 2010, at 9:00 am, a hearing will be held before the Honorable Ramona V. Manglona on Plaintiff’s Motion for Summary Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.**

**So notified this 24th day of May, 2010.**

**/s/**

**CLERK OF COURT**

**Robert Tenorio Torres**  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**  
**FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BANK OF GUAM,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**KARL T. REYES, et.al.,**

**Defendants.**

**Civil Action No. 08-0260-CV**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 21, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following parcels of property. Please note: the “Brief Descriptions” below are solely for ease of reference, and the Bank of Guam makes no warranty, representation, or guarantee as to condition or improvements included with the parcels of property.

1. Lot No. H-175-L, and more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2108/85, the original of which was recorded on July 25, 1985 as Document No. 85-1399 at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office in Saipan, CNMI.

**Brief Description**

Located on the lot is a three storey, 22,764 square foot building, known as King’s Plaza. King’s Plaza, located in Dan Dan village across from the Joeten Dan Dan Building, has approximately 15, 274 square feet of commercial space of the first two storeys, with the third storey, consisting of 7,390 square feet, currently being used as residential space.

2. Lot No. H-175-NEW-R1, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office in Saipan, CNMI.

**Brief Description**

This property is located directly behind King’s Plaza, and is currently paved and serves as over-flow parking for the plaza. The area is zoned for residential use.

3. Lot No. H-175-NEW-2, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office in Saipan, CNMI.

**Brief Description**

This property is located directly behind King’s Plaza, and currently serves as over-flow parking for the plaza. The area is zoned for residential use.

4. Lot No. 019-J13, consisting of 9,100 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 019 J 03, the original of which was recorded on July 30, 1993 as Document No. 93-2723 at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office in Saipan, CNMI.

**Brief Description**

This property is located in Dan Dan village, just East of the Saipan International Airport, on the way to Naftan Point. Property is currently undeveloped and zoned for rural use.

5. Lot No. H-175-NEW-3, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office in Saipan, CNMI.

**Brief Description**

This property is located in Dan Dan Village and is subject to a pre-paid lease, which will expire on December 18, 2044. Property is partially developed, but with no permanent structures.

6. Tract No. 22717, consisting of 49,998 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2001/76, the original of which was recorded on May 18, 1983 as Document No. 17256 at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office in Saipan, CNMI.

**Brief Description**

This property is located in Talafofo village and is subject to a pre-paid lease which will expire on November 19, 2057. Property is undeveloped and is zoned for rural use.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on June 14, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.**

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) To reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 5003758 CK, Saipan, MP 9695, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.

3. Deposit. Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash or cashier’s check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer’s rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold “AS IS” and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2010.

**/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer**





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# Nation

## Obama's new security strategy breaks with Bush

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is breaking with the go-it-alone Bush years in a new strategy for keeping the nation safe, counting more on U.S. allies to tackle terrorism and other global problems. It's an approach that already has proved tricky in practice.

The administration's National Security Strategy, a summary of which was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, also for the first time adds home-grown terrorism to the familiar menu of threats facing the nation—international terror, nuclear weapons proliferation,

economic instability, global climate change and an erosion of democratic freedoms abroad.

From mustering NATO forces for Afghanistan to corraling support to pressure North Korea to give up its illicit nuclear weapons program, the U.S. has sometimes struggled in leaning on friends and allies in recent years. Still, the new strategy breaks with some previous administrations in putting heavy emphasis on the value of global coopera-

tion, developing wider security partnerships and helping other nations provide for their own defense.

In his first 16 months in office, Obama has pursued a strategy of gentle persuasion, sometimes summarized as "engagement."

His administration has attended more closely to ties with Europe, sought a "reset" of relations with Russia, pushed harder to restart stalled Mideast peace talks and consulted widely on a

roadmap for defeating the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Obama's critics, however, assert that his policies have largely failed, given the continued defiance of Iran and North Korea on nuclear development, the stalemate in Afghanistan and rising worries about terrorist attacks at home.

Presidents use their national security strategy to set broad goals and priorities for keeping Americans safe. But the document isn't an academic exercise: it has far-reaching effects on spending, defense policies and security strategy.



Obama

## BP: Effort to plug Gulf oil spill going as planned

ROBERT, La. (AP)—BP started pumping heavy mud into the leaking Gulf of Mexico well Wednesday and said everything was going as planned in the company's boldest attempt yet to plug the gusher that has spewed millions of gallons of oil over the last five weeks.

BP hoped the mud could overpower the steady stream of oil, but chief executive Tony Hayward said it would be at least 24 hours before officials know whether the attempt worked. The company wants to eventually inject cement into

the well to seal it.

"I'm sure many of you have been watching the plume," Hayward said of the live video stream of the leak. "All I can say is it is unlikely to give us any real indication of what is going on. Either increases or decreases are not an indicator of either success or failure at this time."

The stakes are high. Fishermen, hotel and restaurant owners, politicians and residents along the coast are fed up with BP's so far ineffective attempts to stop the leak that sprang after an offshore drilling rig exploded April 20.

## Feds bust child porn 'social networking site'

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Federal prosecutors announced Wednesday that they had broken up a major online international child pornography ring that at its peak had more than 1,000 members trading millions of sexually explicit images.

More than 50 people have been arrested in several states since the 2008 start of the investigation, U.S. Attorney Tim Morrison said in a statement, and authorities said they are seeking the extradition of several suspects from overseas. Immigration and postal agencies also took part in the investigation, along with

state and local police.

"This is the largest crimes against children case brought anywhere by anyone," Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta said.

One suspect, 47-year-old Edward Oedewaldt, who was arrested April 23 in Arcadia, La., was brought to Indianapolis on Wednesday to face charges of conspiracy to advertise and distribute child pornography and was ordered to remain in federal custody pending trial. He has pleaded not guilty. His attorney, Howard Bergstein, declined to comment Wednesday.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Woman seeks order against onetime JonBenet suspect

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A 19-year-old woman has requested a temporary restraining order against the man who once falsely claimed to have murdered JonBenet Ramsey in 1996. San Francisco Court Commissioner William Gargano issued the order against John Mark Karr on April 19, on behalf of Samantha Spiegel, 19. Spiegel claimed that Karr, who now goes by the name Alexis Valoran Reich, made what was described as "ongoing death threats" and "threats of sexual exploitation to children" in e-mails. "I'm concerned for my safety: he knows where I sleep, where I go to school, what I look like," Spiegel wrote in her request for the restraining order. "(He) has seriously threatened to hunt me down and kill me by any means necessary."

car and was trying to hide a Ford Mustang in the carport of a vacant home. The officers got out of their patrol vehicle and split up in search of a suspect. Moments later, shots were fired and Murphy's partner found him mortally wounded. Fellow officers put him in a police vehicle and sped him to a nearby hospital, but he was pronounced dead.

### Jordanian man pleads guilty in Dallas bombing plot

DALLAS (AP)—Hosam Smadi parked a sport-utility vehicle in the garage beneath a Dallas skyscraper, activated a timer connected to what he thought was a bomb and used a cell phone to try remotely detonating the explosive he had spent months working to obtain. Smadi, 19, who pleaded guilty Wednesday to attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, had hoped the bomb would bring down the 60-story building, kill thousands of office workers and create financial havoc. Instead, he was arrested, having been supplied with a fake truck bomb by undercover FBI agents posing as al-Qaida operatives. U.S. District Judge Barbara Lynn deferred a decision on whether to accept the Jordanian teenager's plea Wednesday, saying she preferred to hear more evidence and wait until sentencing. She did not immediately schedule a sentencing hearing. His trial had been set for next month.

### Phoenix police officer fatally shot

PHOENIX (AP)—A Phoenix police officer shot and killed early Wednesday while investigating a suspicious vehicle was a 29-year-old married father of two young children, authorities said. Officer Travis Murphy's wife had given birth just two weeks ago to the couple's second child, police spokesman Sgt. Trent Crump said. Murphy and his partner were first on the scene of a call where neighbors reported someone hit a parked

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# Asia

## NKorea to scrap pact preventing clash with SKorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea announced Thursday that it will scrap an accord aimed at preventing accidental naval clashes with South Korea in retaliation for Seoul blaming Pyongyang for a torpedo attack that sank a South Korean warship.

Tension on the divided peninsula has risen dramatically since a team of international investigators said last week that a torpedo fired by a North Korean submarine tore apart and sank a South Korean warship on March 26, killing 46 sailors. North Korea has denied its involvement in the sinking and warned any retaliation would mean war.

leged sinking of a South Korean warship are providing an unwelcome reality check for Pyongyang's chief ally, China.

Only months ago, Beijing was reaping kudos for sponsoring six-nation talks on dis-

mantling North Korea's nuclear programs. These days, it's looking increasingly isolated for failing to back U.S. and South Korean calls to get tough on Pyongyang in the face of what investigators say is overwhelming evidence the ship was struck by a North Korean torpedo.

The ship sinking and rising



AP

A South Korean patrol boat fires during a drill off the western coast town of Taejeon, South Korea, on Thursday May 27, 2010.

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**BEIJING (AP)—Rising tensions over North Korea's al-**

## Anti-whaling activist pleads guilty in Tokyo trial

TOKYO (AP)—An anti-whaling activist from New Zealand who boarded a Japanese whaling ship as part of a protest in February pleaded guilty Thursday to charges including trespassing and destruction of property, but denied that he committed assault.

Sea Shepherd activist Peter Bethune admitted in a Tokyo court that he climbed aboard the Shonan Maru 2 in Antarctic

seas and pleaded guilty to two other criminal counts—illegal possession of a knife and obstruction of business—but said he believed he had “good reason to do so.” He denied a fifth charge of assault.

If convicted, Bethune could face up to 15 years in prison.

Bethune, 45, who jumped aboard the whaling vessel from a Jet Ski, has said he wanted to

make a citizen's arrest of the Japanese captain and handed over a \$3 million bill for the destruction of a high-tech protest ship that sank after a confrontation with Japanese whaling vessels a month earlier.

Prosecutors Thursday accused Bethune of conspiring with other Sea Shepherd members to “sabotage Japanese whaling in the Antarctic.”

tensions put Beijing in an uncomfortable position, forcing it to choose between traditional communist ally North Korea and close trading partner South Korea. Beyond that, the situation is squeezing China

between playing the responsible power it says it wants to be, and protecting a loyal buffer state reviled by the world.

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On Thursday, North Korea's military said it will “completely nullify” an inter-Korean accord aimed at preventing accidental armed skirmishes along the

disputed western sea border—a scene of three bloody maritime battles between the two Koreas.

“Immediate physical strikes will be launched” against any South Korean ships that intrude into North Korean waters, the country's military said in a statement, carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.



### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Tibetan gets suspended death sentence for riots

BEIJING (AP)—A court in Lhasa has given a Tibetan a suspended death sentence for taking part in riots that erupted in the remote Himalayan region two years ago, an overseas Tibetan rights group said. The Dharamsala, India-based Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy said in a statement late Wednesday that the Lhasa Intermediate People's Court sentenced Sonam Tsering, 23, to death with a two-year reprieve on Tuesday. Such sentences are usually commuted to life in prison. It said Sonam Tsering is the seventh Tibetan so far to be sentenced to death for the riots, including two already executed. Rioting that broke out in Lhasa on March 14, 2008, left 22 people dead and led to the most sustained Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule in decades.

#### Thaksin denies he fomented violence

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Fugitive former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra denied in a television interview that he supported any violence blamed on anti-government protesters in Bangkok and called terrorism charges against him politically motivated. Thaksin, who was ousted in a 2006 military coup and later fled abroad ahead of a corruption conviction, told Australian Broad-

casting Corp. by telephone late Wednesday that he had never supported violent protest. The ABC did not say from where Thaksin was speaking, but said he was living in exile and hiding from Thai authorities. The Thai Criminal Court ordered an arrest warrant on Tuesday on terrorism charges that accuse Thaksin of a role in fomenting two months of anti-government unrest by his Red Shirt supporters in Bangkok that left 88 people dead. The charges carry a possible death penalty.

#### Youngest Everest climber makes it safely off peak

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—The 13-year-old American boy who became the youngest person to scale Mount Everest made it off the mountain safely Wednesday, saying reaching the highest point in the world was the time of his life. Jordan Romero, from Big Bear, California, reached the 29,035-foot (8,850-meter) summit on Saturday with his father Paul Romero, his father's girlfriend Karen Lundgren and three Sherpa guides. “It was a feeling like no other,” he told reporters in a brief interview after entering Nepal from Tibet. “We were having a time of our lives. It was the best view you could get anywhere in the world.” He broke the record set by Temba Tsheri of Nepal, who reached the peak at age 16.



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**CUC-IFB-10-034**

REHABILITATION OF THE AGINGAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Office of the Governor, Benigno R. Fitial and the office of Lt. Governor, Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A Pre-Bid conference for this project is scheduled at 9:00 AM., on June 4, 2010, at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Saipan. A project site visit and inspection follows the Pre-Bid meeting.

A non-refundable payment of \$200 will be required for each set of Plans, Specification, and Proposal Forms, and will be made available for pick-up, on or after May 28, 2010 at the CUC Water-Wastewater Division Office the 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan,

One (1) original and five (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-10-034, REHABILITATION OF THE AGINGAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than June 29, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a U.S. Treasury listed company. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of Interior. Progress payments shall be made to the Contractor.


The project consists, in general, of rehabilitating and upgrading the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant. The work shall be done in sequence as necessary in order not to disrupt the daily operation of the treatment plant. The work is inclusive of rehabilitation of the Belt Filter Press equipment, replacement of pumps, emptying and clean up of all the basins, repair, replacement, rehabilitation of pipeline, manifolds, clarifier mechanism and accessories, etc.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government.


All technical and procurement inquiries should be directed to Capt. Robert Lorenz, CUC Waste/Wastewater Engineer via email [robert\\_lorenz@cucgov.net](mailto:robert_lorenz@cucgov.net), Christy Lazaro, CUC Waste/Wastewater Engineer via email [Ms.Christi@cucgov.net](mailto:Ms.Christi@cucgov.net) & Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net).

/s/ ABE U. MALAE  
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA  
Executive Director



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION TO BID**  
**CUC-ITB-10-035**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals or firms to bid on Surveyed Transformers & Regulator Carcasses (Scrap). Interested bidders must bid on all items as specified and must be one bid only. Multiple bids are not allowed.

The bid forms and the list of surveyed transformers & regulator carcasses are available at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room 4, Third Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and five (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-ITB-10-035, Surveyed Transformers & Regulator Carcasses” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 A.M. (CHST) local time, June 29, 2010**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

The prospective bidder must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from any claim resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the surveyed property. CUC shall transfer and assign the surveyed property to the prospective bidder in a “**As is, Where is**” condition. By accepting this transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the properties.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

All inquiries shall be submitted in writing to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager, via email [msablan@cucgov.net](mailto:msablan@cucgov.net), Mr. Robert Malate, Power Division Engineer via email [rmalate@cucgov.net](mailto:rmalate@cucgov.net) and Mr. John Mafnas, Warehouse Manager via email [jcm@cucgov.net](mailto:jcm@cucgov.net).

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE  
Assistant Executive Director for Operations

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA  
Executive Director



# World

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)**—After a slum raid that left nearly 50 people dead in

four days of gunbattles, the reputed drug kingpin who was the target may have fled the country, the government said Wednesday.

Strongman Christopher Coke, who



Coke

## Govt: Target of bloody raid may have left Jamaica

helped the prime minister win elected office, had months to stockpile weapons in his slum stronghold while the premier wavered over U.S. demands for his extradition.

"I could not say if

he is in Jamaica," Information Minister Daryl Vaz said of Coke, who is known as "Dudus." "It's very difficult to tell."

Police and soldiers who fought their way into the barricaded Tivoli Gardens slum in gritty West Kingston were conducting a door-to-door search,

and the government reported calm Wednesday. Coke's lawyer has declined to confirm his whereabouts.

Gray smoke was rising from recently extinguished fires inside Tivoli Gardens. Sporadic gunfire rang out elsewhere in West Kingston and security

forces barred journalists from entering the battle zones around the capital on Jamaica's south coast, far from the tourist resorts on the north shore of the Caribbean island.

The violence did not surprise island police and community groups who warned

that Coke had been stockpiling weapons and preparing to defend himself since the U.S. demanded his extradition last August. According to the U.S. indictment, he has built a private arsenal of firearms smuggled in by gang members in the United States, sharing guns with other criminals to solidify his power as a major underworld boss.

## Baghdad's trade in wildlife anything but tame

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—A dozen fluffy white kittens with piercing blue eyes frolic in a wire cage, perched perilously atop a pen containing two African lion cubs. Neighborhood schoolchildren stop to feed sunflower

seeds to a chained monkey, while three red foxes cower in their curbside enclosure from the street noise.

Iraqis can get just about whatever animals they want, whether as pets, novelties or status sym-

bols or for a private zoo—and as violence subsides many are stocking up at Baghdad's several pet markets.

The lack of government regulation means animals like lions and crocodiles are going home

with people unequipped to take care of them.

"There is no wildlife legislation here in Iraq, and that is what encourages these kinds of dealers to export and import wild species," said Omar Fadil, of the conservation organization Nature Iraq.

## New video of UK couple kidnapped by Somali pirates

**LONDON (AP)**—A British couple kidnapped by Somali pirates more than six months ago appeared in a video Wednesday appealing to the new U.K. government to secure their release.

Paul and Rachel Chandler were kidnapped Oct. 23 when armed pirates seized their 38-foot (11.6-meter) yacht in the Indian Ocean as they sailed toward Tanzania.

In the newly disclosed video, excerpts of which were broadcast by Britain's Channel 4 News and ITV News programs, the couple pleaded for help from Prime Minister David Cameron.

"As the new prime minister, we desperately need him to

make a definitive public statement of the government's attitude to us," Paul Chandler, 60, said in the video, which Channel 4 said was filmed a week ago by a Somali reporter.

"If the government is not prepared to help, then they must say so because the gangsters' expectations and hopes have been raised by the thought of a new government, (that) there might be a different approach," Chandler said. "If the government can help, and I think they should, then we would welcome that and would they please do so."

The pirates have demanded a \$7 million ransom.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Argentina: Colombian model arrested on drug charge

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)**—A Colombian model accused of leading a drug-trafficking gang that persuaded pretty young women to smuggle cocaine to Mexico was arrested Wednesday after evading Argentine police for five months. Angie Sanclemente Valencia had been hiding out in Buenos Aires since December, when airport police caught a 21-year-old Argentine woman with 55 kilograms (121 pounds) of cocaine in her baggage boarding a flight to Cancun. That led to arrests of six other alleged gang members who allegedly fingered Colombia's former "coffee queen" as a ringleader. Argentina's media quickly dubbed Sanclemente the "Narco Queen," but two officials involved in the case told The Associated Press that her specific role in the smuggling organization has not been established.

#### Ex-dictator's party biggest bloc in Suriname vote

**PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP)**—Allies of former dictator Desi Bouterse have overtaken Suriname's governing coalition in parliamentary elections, positioning him to run for president despite a pending trial in the execution of 15 opponents in the 1980s. Bouterse, who previously was convicted by a Dutch court of drug trafficking, has declined to say whether he will seek the South American nation's top job—a process that would require alliances with other parties. His Mega Combination co-

alition won 23 of the 51 seats in parliament to become the largest bloc, according to preliminary results released Wednesday. Voters who remember Bouterse's leftist military regime in the 1980s as a time of economic instability and human rights abuses were startled by the outcome, despite pre-election polls favoring Bouterse's party.

#### Peru indigenous leader detained on return home

**LIMA, Peru (AP)**—Indian leader Alberto Pizango was detained Wednesday upon arrival in Peru's capital from Nicaragua, where he fled 11 months ago to avoid charges over violent protests against proposed oil and gas exploration in the Amazon. The protest leader was taken into custody at the airport and whisked to a police station. He was accompanied on the flight by U.S. actress Q'orianka Kilcher, whose father is a Peruvian Indian. Neither Pizango nor Kilcher spoke to the press. Before leaving Nicaragua, which granted him political asylum, Pizango told state media that he had decided to return because "I think that I have waited too long and will make this enormous sacrifice that has cost me and is costing me so much." Pizango fled to Nicaragua last July after Peruvian authorities charged him with sedition and rebellion for allegedly instigating violence during protests the previous month in the jungle city of Bagua. The clashes killed 23 police officers and 10 civilians, according to government figures.

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# Off The Wall

**OFFBEAT BRIEFS**

**Guinness finds Minn. man is tallest in US**  
**ROCHESTER, Minn.** (AP)—Guinness World Records has recognized a Minnesota man as the tallest man in the United States. The Guinness World Record Association measured Rochester’s Igor Vovkovinskiy at 7 feet, 8.33 inches tall during NBC’s “The Dr. Oz Show” on Monday. He edged out Norfolk, Va., sheriff’s deputy George Bell by a third of an inch. The 27-year-old Vovkovinskiy is originally from Ukraine but moved to Minnesota with his mother when he was 7 years old for treatment at the Mayo Clinic for a pituitary disease that spurred his rapid growth. Vovkovinskiy now attends the

Minnesota School of Business and is pursuing a degree in paralegal studies. Guinness says the world’s tallest man is Turkey’s Sultan Kosen. He measures in at 8 feet, 1 inch tall.

**Banned Pa. gambler has to give back \$2,001 jackpot**  
**ERIE, Pa.** (AP)—A Pennsylvania man who won a \$2,001 slot machine jackpot must forfeit the winnings and will be charged with trespassing, because he had previously banned himself from casinos under a state program for problem gamblers. State police have not identified the 55-year-old Waterford Township man who won the jackpot Friday at Erie’s Presque Isle

Downs & Casino. Under the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board’s self-exclusion program, problem gamblers can choose to ban themselves from casinos for one year, five years or for life.

**Flood of frogs shuts down major Greek highway**  
**THESSALONIKI, Greece** (AP)—Greek officials say a horde of frogs has forced the closure of a key northern highway for two hours. Thessaloniki traffic police chief Giorgos Thanoglou says “millions” of the amphibians covered the tarmac Wednesday near the town of Langadas, some 12 miles east of Thessaloniki. “There was a carpet of frogs,” he said. Authori-


ties closed the highway after three car drivers skidded off the road trying to dodge the frogs. No human injuries were reported. Thanoglou said the amphibians probably left a nearby lake to look for food.

**Loud muffler helps WA man retrieve stolen truck**  
**LONGVIEW, Wash.** (AP)—You can hear Alex Hansen’s truck coming. Or going, which was the case when thieves drove it away from his Longview, Wash., home. The 27-year-old Hansen says he heard the muffler noise at 5 a.m. Tuesday and ran outside in shorts to see that his 1996 Toyota T-100 was gone. He then grabbed his girl-


friend’s car keys and followed the noise. Hansen soon caught up to his truck, which was traveling with another vehicle. After following the caravan for nearly 10 minutes, Hansen says he watched the thief stop the truck, jump out and run off. Hansen drove his truck home and surprised a police officer who had just finished taking a report from a neighbor whose car had been broken into. Hansen says the thieves took his tools, camera and wallet. They have not been apprehended.

**Police in Alaska puzzled by 26 headless chickens**  
**FAIRBANKS, Alaska** (AP)—Alaska State Troopers are puzzled by a gruesome discovery

in the city of North Pole: 26 headless chickens carefully arranged at a coop. Police say the fly-infested carcasses found Monday were arranged in a 12-to 15-foot-long line pattern that ended in a circle. There was no sign of the missing heads. Three chickens were left unharmed, and there was no damage to the coop. Trooper spokeswoman Megan Peters says officers “have no idea what the thought process was.” They say there’s a possibility that the killings were intended as a threat. Those responsible could be charged with felony criminal mischief. The birds were unsuitable for eating, so investigators disposed of the chickens after photographing the scene.



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**AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 01 NMHC RFP 2010-R-005**

**ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SAIPAN LEADERSHIP MEMORIAL KIOS KU PROJECT, PHASE II**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase II, Chalan Kanoa Village, District No. 2, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**This design services is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009(CDBG-R).**

Local Business Preference as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposals procedures shall be in full compliance with section 4-102 of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on or after **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**, at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office, Saipan. No fees required in obtaining the proposal package. Pre-Proposal Conference is schedule on **Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670) 234-9021 no later than **Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 4:30 p.m.**, local time.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of completion, with details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (names and experience) not to exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that firm that submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractor may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of services – 30%
- 2. Project approach – 20%
- 3. Capacity to accomplished the work in the required time – 25%
- 4. Past performance on contract with Government on similar projects – 25%

Proposals must be sealed and marked **NMHC RFP 2010-R-005: Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase II**. For proposal within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) workings for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of a foreign country no later than **Tuesday, June 08, 2010** AND must be received no later than **Tuesday, June 15, 2010**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

**AMENDED OPENING DATE:** Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **Wednesday, June 16, 2010**. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., local time, **Tuesday, June 08, 2010**.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect-engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon;


The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.


The government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ **Marcie M. Tomokane**  
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# Science & Technology

## Apple passes Microsoft as world’s biggest tech co.

SEATTLE (AP)—Apple has surpassed Microsoft as the largest technology company in the world by market capitalization.

Apple’s move comes as the company’s iPhone, and now its iPad tablet computer, have taken on more of the personal com-

puting tasks once handled by computers running Microsoft’s Windows operating system and other programs.

Market cap is the dollar value of a company’s outstanding shares. On Wednesday, Apple Inc.’s shares slipped \$1.11 to

close at \$244.11, making its market cap about \$222 billion.

But Microsoft Corp.’s stock fell \$1.06, or 4.1 percent, to close at \$25.01, for market cap of about \$219 billion.

The only U.S. business with a higher market value is Exxon Mobil Corp. The oil company’s market cap is about \$279 billion, based on Wednesday’s closing price of \$59.31.

### AT A GLANCE

## Facebook’s latest privacy changes

In response to growing criticism over the way Facebook handles users’ personal information, the company unveiled new privacy settings Wednesday intended to make things simpler.

Here are some of the biggest changes being rolled out in the next few weeks:

■ Facebook currently gives users granular controls over many

of the things they share on the site, such as each photo and status update. With the changes, users can apply the same settings to everything with one click, so that they can share with friends, friends of friends or everyone. But for those who want it, the granular controls are also staying.

■ There is less information that Facebook makes automatically

public. You can now hide your hometown, for example, and the pages for hobbies, books and other interests that you have linked to your profile. These were previously visible to everyone.

■ Facebook says it will stop updating its privacy settings so frequently.

■ Users can now turn off all outside applications and websites, instead of having to deny them access one by one.

¾ As it rolls out the changes, Facebook plans to notify users through a message that will appear on their page when they first log in.

■ The changes apply retroactively, as well as to new services still to come.

### What’s not changing:

■ Users’ full name, profile picture, gender and work or college networks remain visible to everyone.

## Many Americans face surprise wireless charges

WASHINGTON (AP)—Roughly 30 million Americans, or 1 in 6 wireless users, have been hit with unpleasant surprises on their cell phone bills for exceeding roaming or data usage limits, according to a new government survey.

The survey by the Federal Communications Commission found that more than a third of people who experienced such “bill shock” said their bills jumped by at least \$50. And 23 percent said their bills soared at least \$100.

Joel Gurin, who heads the FCC’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, said it is too early to say whether the FCC will impose broad new regulations on wireless carriers or push the industry to adopt voluntary consumer protection standards. But the commission is clearly ramping up oversight of business practices in a market dominated by four national carriers, led by AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless.

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  - ❖ Ms. Vivian Odoshi
  - ❖ Nick & Peach Sablan
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*Si Yu’us U Bendisi hit – God bless!*

## Kagman Elementary School

Home of the Blue Marlins

### 2010 Cultural Day Raffle Tickets Winners

| Prize No.        | Prize Name                                                 | Winning Ticket No. | Winner's Name     |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Grand Prize      | \$1,000.00 CASH                                            | 17797              | Henara Sasamoto   |
| Baby Grand Prize | \$500.00 CASH                                              | 39148              |                   |
| 1st              | LG 125 CELL PHONE DONATION (IT&E)                          | 43231              | Doris P. Lizama   |
| 2nd              | \$100 CASH DONATION (SAIPAN BOWLING)                       | 18936              | Evelyn M. Diaz    |
| 3rd              | \$50 GAS GIFT CERTIFICATE (SAIPAN STEVEDORE)               | 01442              | No Name           |
| 4th              | LUNCH BUFFET FOR ONE (1) AT SAIPAN GRAND HOTEL (AOI REST.) | 07430              | Dave Feseman      |
| 5th              | LUNCH BUFFET FOR ONE (1) AT SAIPAN GRAND HOTEL (AOI REST.) | 09315              | Carlyn            |
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| 7th              | WATER PARK PASS FOR TWO (2) AT PIC                         | 01545              | B. Sablan         |
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| 9th              | FOLDING PICNIC CHAIR W/ BAG (DONATION)                     | 05058              | Denise & Jon Blas |
| 10th             | ONE (1) CASE QUARTER LEG CHICKEN (DONATION)                | 19712              |                   |
| 11th             | LUNCH FOR TWO (2) AT THE HYATT HOTEL                       | 08536              | No Name           |
| 12th             | LUNCH FOR TWO (2) AT THE HYATT HOTEL                       | 08301              | B. Gabo           |
| 13th             | FUN UNDER THE SUN POOL PACKAGE AT PALMS                    | 38739              | No Name           |
| 14th             | FUN UNDER THE SUN POOL PACKAGE AT PALMS                    | 08927              | Maria Cabrera     |
| 15th             | FUN UNDER THE SUN POOL PACKAGE AT PALMS                    | 31508              | Martina Taisacan  |
| 16th             | ONE (1) SPORT BAG W/ ONE (1) GOLF TOWEL (IT&E)             | 38735              | No Name           |
| 17th             | ONE (1) SPORT BOTTLE WITH ONE (1) 2XL T-SHIRT              | 06640              | Joe B. Domingo    |
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| 19th             | ONE (1) CASE PORK SPARERIBS (DONATION)                     | 32463              | E. Guerrero       |
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On behalf of Kagman Elementary School, we would like to give our deepest appreciation to all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes for our 2010 Cultural Day Raffle Prizes. You all have made our 2010 Cultural Day a great success.

We would also like to recognize and acknowledge all the 2010 Cultural Day Royal Court Queen and King Candidates for Mr. & Miss Blue Marlin and their hardworking and dedicated parents for making a huge success in our 2010 Cultural Day Celebration Raffle Ticket Sales.

**2010 Cultural Day Miss Blue Marlin Queen:** Mariana Vicneta "Kikki" C. Teregeyo  
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**1st Princess:** Kaylee Sablan, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Eric & Martha R. Sablan  
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**10th Princess:** Kiela Limes, Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin and Joylene Limes  
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**Parents:** Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wayne and Ann Marie Moses  
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# Life & Style

## DeWyze triumphs over Bowersox on 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lee DeWyze, a paint store clerk who overcame his shyness to impress "American Idol" judges and viewers with his spirit and soulful voice, triumphed Wednesday over bluesy musician Crystal Bowersox in the contest's ninth season.

When asked by Ryan Seacrest how he felt, an emotional DeWyze said, "I don't know. It's amazing, thank you, guys, so much ... I love you. Crystal, I love you."

The finalists had closely matched fan bases, with just a 2 percent voting gap between them coming into the finale, Seacrest said. DeWyze's victory was based on votes cast after Tuesday's performance show, which drew more judges' compliments for Bowersox, 24, of Toledo, Ohio, than for DeWyze, also 24, of Mount Prospect, Ill.

The finale made the most of Simon Cowell's last appearance as a judge. A film package recounting highlights from the Cowell years was shown and comedian Dane Cook came on stage to sing

"Simon Says," made up of the Brit's barbed comments, and to crack a few jokes.

"You have the honesty of Abe Lincoln and the charm of the guy who shot him," Cook told Cowell, who took the ribbing with a smile.



DeWyze

The walk down memory lane continued with ex-judge Paula Abdul, who often played Cowell's sparring partner during the seasons they shared.

"I've loved all the fun we've had together," Abdul told Cowell. "American Idol's not gonna be the same without you. But as only I can you, it will go on."

Cowell, in turn, shed his usual cool in an on-stage appearance.

"I didn't think I was going to be this emotional and I genuinely am. ... Everybody asks who's going to replace me, who going to be the next judge. The truth is," he told the audience, "you guys are the judge of this show and you've done an incredible job over the years."

### Local Ill. crowd cheers "American Idol" winner

MOUNT PROSPECT, Ill. (AP)—It didn't take a national vote to convince an Illinois hometown crowd that Lee DeWyze was the new "American Idol." Hours before the paint store clerk prevailed over Crystal Bowersox in the singing contest's ninth season, thousands of fans gathered in front of a giant television screen in a park in Mount Prospect to cheer on the 24-year-old DeWyze. Mount

Prospect is about 20 miles northwest of Chicago. Many wore yellow or teal T-shirts and waved yellow balloons as they chanted "We believe! We believe!" Police spokesman Mark Bechtold says fans "set off fireworks when Lee won, and the crowd went nuts for about 10 straight minutes." Bechtold estimates that about 5,500 people turned out and says no problems were reported.

### Ailing Bret Michaels performs on 'Idol' finale

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Though he has suffered from life-threatening health problems in recent weeks, Bret Michaels appeared in fine form on the "American Idol" stage. The ailing 47-year-old rocker and reality TV star sang and played guitar on Wednesday's star-studded season finale. The Poison frontman joined "Idol" finalist Casey James on one of the band's biggest hits, "Every Rose Has Its Thorn." Michaels, who won this season's "Celebrity Apprentice"

show last Sunday, suffered a brain hemorrhage in April. He was hospitalized again May 20 for what doctors called a "warning stroke" and diagnosed with a hole in his heart. Doctors said the conditions are likely unrelated. He announced on his website this week that though he isn't 100 percent, but plans to continue his tour, starting Friday in Biloxi, Miss. He said that seeing fans "rockin' rollin', smiling faces ... is the best medicine I can think of."



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## CHILD CARE PROGRAM OPENS FOR NEW APPLICANTS

To: All parents and/or Legal Guardians

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Child Care Program continues to do pre-eligibility assessments for new applicants under the ARRA funds. The pre-eligibility assessments are being done at the:

Child Care Program Office  
Building No. 1347  
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And

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Parents and/or legal guardians who are interested in applying for the program must go through the pre-eligibility assessment and will need to bring the following:

- Three (3) latest checkstubs showing the applicant's name, hours worked (at least 60 hours by-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings (both parents)
- Most recent 1040 tax (both parents)
- School documents (class schedule, must be full time 12 credit)
- Training schedule (must have at least 60 training hours bi-weekly)

Completed applications along with the required documents should be forwarded to the Child Care Program Office Capitol Hill. For questions regarding the program please call at 664-2575/2546/2587.

### Requirements:

#### Applicant of Household

1. Check stubs for the most recent two pay periods for each parent or guardian
2. A copy of Identification Card for each parent or guardian (Passport, CNMI driver's license, Mayor's ID Card or entry permit)
3. A copy of your most recent 1040 Tax (each parent or guardian)
4. Residency: The applicant or guardian must be living in the CNMI
  - Provide one of the following documents
    - a. House Rental/ Mortgage
    - b. Utility Receipt
    - c. Telephone Receipt
    - d. Entry Permit
5. Employment verification
6. Child support statement/stub
7. Training/Education Verification and class schedules
8. If single parent/guardian in a household provide notarized affidavit

#### Child/Children Household member:

1. A copy of Birth Certificate for each child (Child must be a US citizen or a qualified alien, as defined in Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA))
2. A copy of US Passport
3. A copy of Social Security Card

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**Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton**  
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#### Synopsis

The setting is sixth century Persia. A nefarious nobleman covets the Sands of Time, a legendary gift from the gods that allows its possessor to turn back time. Whoever owns the Sands of Time has the power to rule the world, and this villainous lord would use that power to enslave all of humanity. The only person capable of defeating this tyrant and saving the world is Dastan a youthful prince.



#### Sex And The City 2

Friday 4:00 7:00 10:00  
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00  
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Tues thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

**Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall**  
Comedy • Rated PG

#### Synopsis

The fun, the fashion, the friendship: "Sex and the City 2" brings it all back and more as Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda take another bite out of the Big Apple—and beyond—carrying on with their busy lives and loves in a sequel that truly sparkles.



#### Shrek: The Final Chapter

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Saturday & Sunday 1:15 4:10 7:30 9:30  
Monday 1:15 4:10 7:30  
Tues thru Thurs 4:10 7:30

**Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz**  
Comedy, Fantasy • Rated PG

#### Synopsis

The wisecracking green-tinged ogre returns in Shrek Forever After, the newest installment in the successful DreamWorks Animation series. This will be the first time that the franchise will be presented in the IMAX format in addition to a normal big-screen rollout.



#### MacGruber

Friday 4:30 7:25 9:35  
Saturday & Sunday 1:10 4:30 7:25 9:35  
Monday 1:10 4:30 7:25  
Tues thru Thurs 4:30 7:25

**Will Forte, Ryan Phillippe**  
Comedy • Rated R



#### Robin Hood

Friday 4:25 7:10 9:55  
Saturday & Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:10 9:55  
Monday 1:25 4:25 7:10  
Tues thru Thurs 4:25 7:10

**Russel Crowe, Cate Blanchett**  
Adventure • Rated PG 13



#### Letters to Juliet

Friday 4:05 7:20 9:45  
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 4:05 7:20 9:45  
Monday 1:30 4:05 7:20  
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**Amanda Seyfried, Chris Egan**  
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Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50  
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## Woman hides imperfections by showing off her wealth

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** I work with a woman who constantly tells me how much she has—a condo in Florida, a timeshare in the Virgin Islands, her portfolio, the expensive ring her husband bought her and what she spends on wedding/holiday gifts. She even told me about how much she used to make at her previous job.

As a struggling single parent, I find it insensitive. How do I deal with this? Is it about my own inadequacies? She is otherwise a seemingly nice lady. My boyfriend says I need to just “get over it.” What do you think?

“PENNY LESS” IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR “PENNY LESS”:** This woman’s constant need to talk about how much she has is less about your “inadequacies” than about her own. People who are happy, secure and socially sensitive don’t usually feel a compulsion to brag about what they have. Once you understand that fact, you may feel less inadequate around her. But if that isn’t the case, resolve to spend more of your time with people who talk about ideas and things you have in common, and less with her.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My mother was physically and verbally abusive to my sister and me when we were kids and teenagers. Mom had a short fuse. She’d slap us if we accidentally dropped a piece of spaghetti or scuffed our shoes. If she thought we were talking back, she’d really lose it and things would get ugly.

My sister is a mother herself now, and her kids are brats. I know it’s because she doesn’t want to be strict or abusive to them like our mother was to us.

I am engaged and thinking about a family of my own someday. I don’t know how to discipline children or how to correct their bad behavior without becoming abusive. How can I treat my children with kindness, but still have them behave well and be respectful?

WANTS TO END THE CYCLE

**DEAR WANTS:** Contrary to popular belief, not everyone is born with the instinctive ability to be a good parent. Parenting is a skill, and like most skills, effective parenting has to be learned. Because you come from a dysfunctional home, a way to ensure that you won’t repeat the pattern of abuse would be to enroll in parenting classes and learn about child development. Contact your state department of education, local junior college or hospital and ask if these courses are offered or if they know where you can find them.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Last year, when I was a freshman in college, my boyfriend, “Charles,” accidentally broke my laptop by closing it on a little bouncy ball. I paid the \$800 to have it repaired even though he was the one who broke it because I had the money and he had none. He said he’d pay me back, but it has been a year and I have yet to see any of that money.

As a German major, I am required to study in Germany next year and I am strapped for cash. I have reminded Charles about my laptop and he says he’ll repay me, but I know he’s still in a bad place financially.

Am I wrong to ask for the entire \$800 or should I ask for half the amount? Or should I just forget it since it was an accident? I could use some good advice.

FRAUGHT FRAULEIN

**DEAR FRAULEIN:** You can ask for whatever amount you wish, but whether you’ll get a penny is up for grabs. It appears Charles is immature. He should have repaid you even if it meant taking a part-time job. You’re a smart girl. Chalk this up to tuition in the school of experience, and recognize that your boyfriend can’t be counted on—for anything.

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*Dear Abby*

## ‘Idol’ runner-up still hero in struggling hometown

**TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)**—Crystal Bowersox’ second-place finish on “American Idol” didn’t change how people on her home turf feel about her.

“She’s already won” said Judi Clapper, 60, of Whitehouse, who watched the results of the Fox singing competition Wednesday night at one of the bars where Bowersox first started performing when she was 14.

The two share a bond, Clapper said, because they both have diabetes.

“There’s a lot of kids with diabetes who see her,” Clapper said. “It gives them hope that there’s more to life than shots and insulin pumps.”

Fans and friends inside Papa’s Tavern shook their heads in disbelief when it was announced that Lee DeWyze had won. So did hundreds who watched the show at a downtown arena.

“She’s going to be successful no matter what,” said Alisa

Smith, 43, of Perrysburg. “She’s got her own style.”

Just a few months ago, Bowersox was a single mother struggling to make a living and playing every Wednesday night at the same tavern on taco night. She’d stand with her guitar on a tiny stage in the corner and play her original songs.

But this Wednesday, everyone watched her on television.

Ryan Popp, 34, of Toledo, said it’s surreal to watch her now and think back to all the years he saw her perform in front of a few dozen people.

“She’s set for life,” he said. “It might be better because now she can do the music she wants. She won’t be locked into being the ‘American Idol.’”

With her blue-collar roots, Bowersox is a lot like the Ohio towns where she grew up, and her unlikely path to stardom has hit just the right note with people in an area that has fallen



Crystal Bowersox arrives at the “American Idol” finale on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, in Los Angeles.

on hard times.

“She’s one of us,” said Diane Frick, who lives in Oregon, a Toledo suburb. “People are for the underdog today because everyone has been hit by the economic downturn.”

## TV’s ‘People Are Funny’ host Art Linkletter dies

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Art Linkletter, who as the gently mischievous host of TV’s “People Are Funny” and “House Party” in the 1950s and ‘60s delighted viewers with his ability to get kids—and grownups—to say the damdest things on national television, died Wednesday. He was 97.

Linkletter died at his home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles, said his son-in-law, Art Hershey, the husband of Sharon Linkletter.

“He lived a long, full, pure

life, and the Lord had need for him,” Hershey said.

Linkletter had been ill “in the last few weeks time, but bear in mind he was 97 years old. He wasn’t eating well, and the aging process took him,” Hershey said. Linkletter hadn’t been diagnosed with any life-threatening disease, he said.

Linkletter was known on TV for his funny interviews with

children and ordinary folks. He also collected their comments in a number of best-selling books.

“Because of Art Linkletter, adults found themselves enjoying children,” said Bill Cosby, whose style interviewing kids on his own show in the late ‘90s was often compared to Linkletter’s.

“An amazing fellow, a terrific broadcast talent, a brilliant busi-



Linkletter

## NY court dismisses suit against Brady, Bundchen

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A judge has dismissed a lawsuit by two photographers who said they were shot at by bodyguards of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen.

The April 2009 incident occurred during a party in Costa Rica celebrating the celebrity couple’s marriage two months earlier.

Photographers Yuri Cortez and Rolando Aviles and the news agency Agence France Presse charged in the lawsuit that the guards shot at the photographers and narrowly missed their heads.

The lawsuit originally was filed in federal court in New York and then in Manhattan state Supreme Court.

Bundchen owned a Manhattan apartment before her mar-

riage, but Justice Judith Gische said in her ruling that the model had sold the apartment by the time the lawsuit was filed in November 2009. The judge’s ruling was made public Tuesday.

The judge said neither Brady nor Bundchen lives in New York and the lawsuit against them does not belong in the state. She said the matter “would be better adjudicated in Costa Rica.”

Attorney John Gleason, representing the photographers and AFP, said the plaintiffs were studying the decision to see if there are grounds to appeal to a higher court.

Gleason said the plaintiffs chose not to sue in Costa Rica because the courts are too slow there. “I was told it often takes 10 years for a civil case to be concluded,” he said.



### ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

#### Min named editorial director at Hollywood Reporter

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Former Us Weekly editor Janice Min is the new editorial director at The Hollywood Reporter. The chief executive of the 80-year-old entertainment trade paper made the announcement Wednesday. Richard Beckman said Min “transformed the landscape of entertainment journalism” and is well suited to lead the Hollywood Reporter. Min helmed Us Weekly from 2003 to 2009 and doubled the magazine’s circulation during her tenure.

#### The pigtails are gone: Willie Nelson cuts his hair

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—Country music fans have come to expect a little eccentricity from legendary crooner Willie Nelson, but he pulled off a real shocker this time: He cut his hair. “Oh Noooooo!” wrote one fan who saw a picture of Nelson’s new do on the website of Nashville television and radio personality Jimmy Carter. Nelson’s waist-deep, reddish pigtails have long been one of the singer-songwriter’s signature

features. But spokeswoman Elaine Schock said Nelson, who’s been hanging loose in Hawaii, got his hair cut in the past couple of weeks. Schock said the Texas-born performer didn’t make a big fuss about the makeover and thought he might have grown tired of dealing with long locks. She said, “there’s a lot of maintenance.”

#### Wash. police: ‘Drugstore Cowboy’ author busted

**REDMOND, Wash. (AP)**—Police in Washington state say the man who wrote “Drugstore Cowboy” has been arrested in yet another pharmacy robbery. James Fogle was arrested with another man Tuesday night after they allegedly tied up employees at a pharmacy in Redmond, east of Seattle. The Seattle Times reports Fogle will be arraigned Thursday on a charge of first-degree armed robbery. Fogle has spent much of his adult life in prison, which is where he wrote “Drugstore Cowboy.” Filmmaker Gus Van Sant turned the novel into the acclaimed 1989 film starring Matt Dillon. The work was loosely based on Fogle’s life robbing pharmacies to

feed his addictions. Redmond police spokesman Jim Bove says robbing pharmacies “is probably the only thing he knows.”

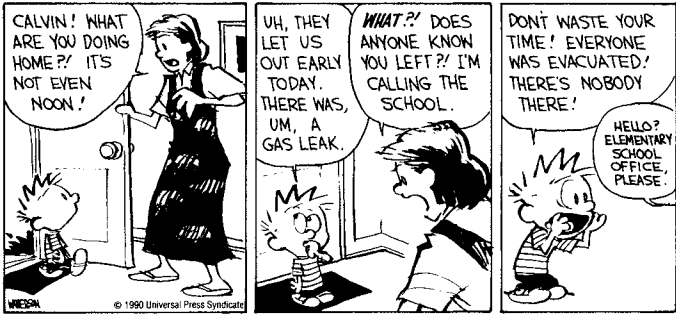
#### Winfrey’s Angel Network closing as show nears end

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Oprah Winfrey’s charity, The Angel Network, is shutting down as her talk show draws to a close. The network stopped accepting donations this week and said on its website that it plans to dissolve as soon as its remaining funds are disbursed. The Angel Network was launched in 1998 with donations from viewers of Winfrey’s talk show; its demise stems from her decision to end her Chicago-based show in 2011, after 25 years on the air, Angel Network spokeswoman Angela DePaul said. The website notice said Winfrey and the network’s directors are “extremely grateful” to the nearly 150,000 donors who gave more than \$80 million to the charity. Its best-known projects included funding rebuilding efforts for Gulf Coast communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina and building 55 rural schools in 12 countries.



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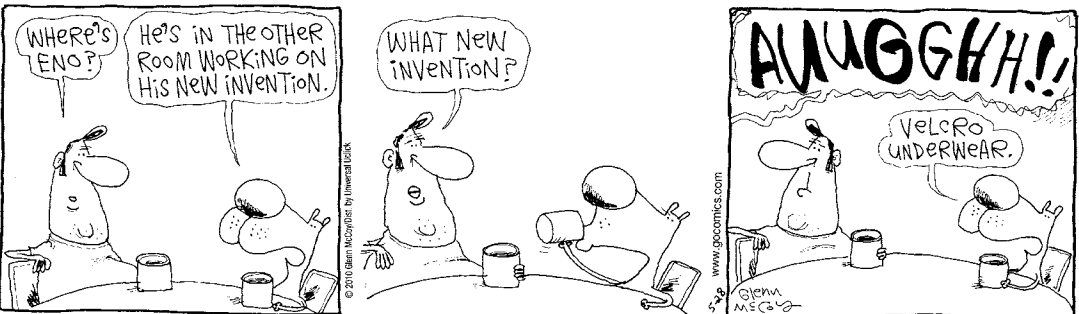
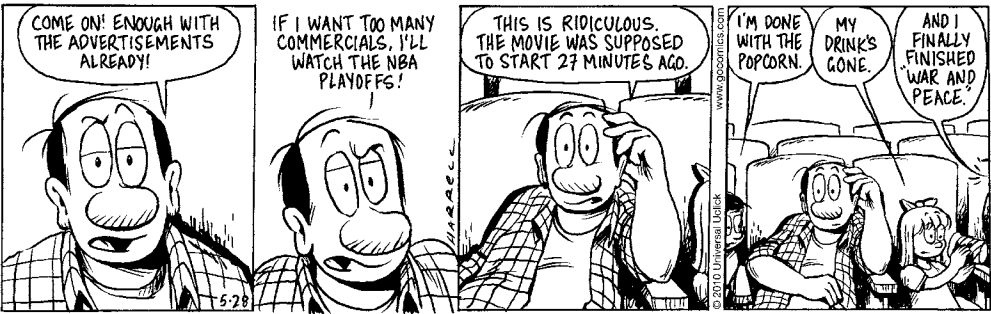


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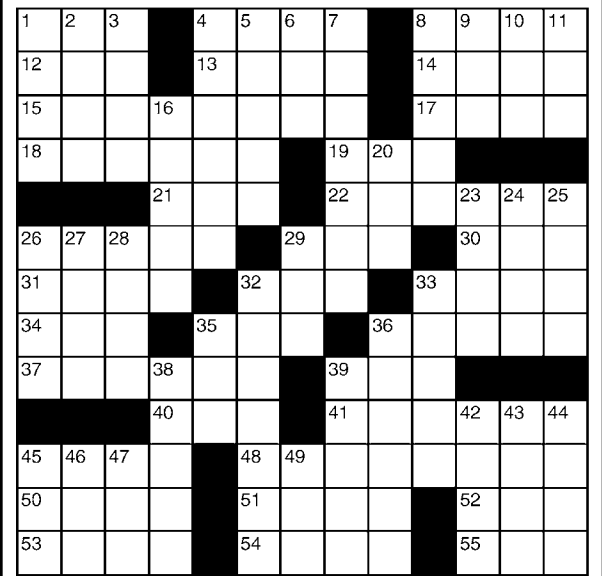
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DOWN 1 Shaving cream additive 2 Teller's partner 3 Sent back (Abbr.) 4 "Oops! ... I Did It Again" singer 5 More than just startle 6 Main-lander's memento 7 Sing-along of a sort 8 Cold symptom 9 Billboards 10 "Ulalume" writer 11 Mess up 38 Hawkeye 39 Bizarre 42 Verve 43 Anger 44 Old World duck 45 Calendar hdg. 46 Fond du — 47 Freudian concept 49 Born

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-28



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Carey Mulligan, 25; Kylie Minogue, 42; Christa Miller, 46; Gladys Knight, 66

Happy Birthday: Plant your feet firmly on the ground and move in a positive direction that suits your needs. Whoever doesn't come along for the ride isn't likely to have anything to offer you in the future. Choose your friends and colleagues wisely and get rid of any dead weight or baggage. Honesty will keep you from getting into trouble personally and professionally. Your numbers are 2, 5, 12, 26, 29, 34, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can get ahead if you are swift to make a move to free up your cash. Money is heading your way, so be smart about the way you invest it. A business trip will lead to an interesting opportunity. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be fooled by an unrealistic offer. You are better off putting your cash in the bank than spending on something that doesn't live up to its promises. An emotional squabble will be costly if you are reluctant to say no. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It will be difficult to make choices that tug at you emotionally. Be pragmatic or ask someone you know to help you make an important decision. Offer your time, not your cash, to a cause and you will avoid a stressful situation. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An opportunity you have been feeling uncertain about will become clear. Don't be afraid of added responsibility. It will allow you to direct

the outcome of a situation you are interested in controlling. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved in activities or groups that stimulate you and you will feel alive and ready to conquer the world. Don't let someone's disdain for what you are doing stand in your way. Feeling good about who you are and what you can accomplish is what counts. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you upset someone unintentionally, it will be difficult to make the changes you have been planning. Think and respond rather than reacting harshly. Diplomacy will allow everyone to maintain dignity and have a graceful way out. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't just dream about taking a trip or learning something different, do it. The people you meet, once you follow your heart and your dreams, will encourage you to follow through. Your intuition will guide you in the right direction. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself. A new responsibility will help you realize your potential. Diversify and you will excel in ways you never thought possible. Don't shun your responsibilities. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Consider what you want and the possibilities you foresee and you can manipulate the situation to fit your needs. Your ability to act impulsively may unnerv someone but your sense of adventure will dominate. You can forge ahead and impress the people watching. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A simple approach to a new project will make it more appealing. Mix business with pleasure and you will find it easier to seal a deal. A contract or settlement can bring you greater assets and a promising future. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The changes you make now with regard to the way you live and the things you do for money will have a positive effect on your future. Diversifying will lead to greater independence and a serious partner with lots to offer. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will find it difficult to control your emotions, leaving you in a vulnerable position with a tendency to overreact, making matters worse. Instead, keep busy and focus on work. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are emotional, caring and always a good friend. You face adversity head on. You are a responsible and able individual.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 5/28

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/27

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WONDERWORD® By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

REMEMBERING PETER GRAVES (1928-2010) Solution: 9 letters

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G A L A T S U A T I U S P E R  
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Yesterday's Answer: Pultizers

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| • 3-Liner with picture | \$24    | \$42                        |
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# WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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Find today's solution in this section

share the power  
of a wish.



"I want to meet  
Winnie the Pooh!"



"My wish is to have my own  
PC with a DVD player and  
CD burner!"



"When I grow up, I want to  
become a police officer!"



"My wish is to  
go shopping!"



"My wish is to celebrate my  
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my friends and family!"

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WHATZIT Solution: More often than not

## Dandan Tire Shop

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235-7835

JOETEN DANDAN



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to expected high occupancy levels on Sunday, May 30, 2010, Waterpark Passes will be unavailable for sale and complimentary gift certificates will not be honored on that day. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation. Normal Waterpark Pass sales will resume on Monday, May 31, 2010.

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### Has vacancy position for:

FRONT OFFICE CLERK  
KOREAN CHEF

CLOSING DATE: MAY 28, 2010  
CLOSING DATE: UNTIL FILLED

- **Front Office Clerk** — will be responsible for: maintaining and promoting hospitality at all times; welcoming and serving guests in a courteous, efficient and friendly manner, both face-to-face and on the phone. As part of the job, this individual is required to: demonstrate good computer skills; accurately handle cash and changes; stand for long periods of time; present a friendly, outgoing, energetic and guest service oriented demeanor. Must have experience, must be able to work flexible hours, able to work night shift "Graveyard", and must be dependable, reliable, productive, and honest.
- **Korean Chef** — will be responsible for: the culinary production of Korean dishes; be involved in preparation of all Korean menus; prepare Korean food as expected for the guest and provide catering services for functions and events; knowledgeable in Korean Culinary Arts, must have experience in Korean cuisines and food service operation; A minimum of three years experience with culinary and kitchen supervision is preferred.

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### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 05-2010

Opening date: May 28, 2010

Closing date: June 14, 2010

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancies:

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| <b>Position:</b> (1) Deputy Comptroller (Saipan)<br>(1) Ports Police Officer-I (Saipan)<br>(1) Staff Engineer (Saipan)<br>(1) General Maintenance-I (Port of Rota) | (1) Accountant-IV (Saipan)<br>(1) ARFF Trainee (Saipan)<br>(1) Tariff Technician-I (Port of Saipan) |
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Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 26 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. The deadline for submission of applications is no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, June 14, 2010.**

**Deputy Comptroller:** Possess A four (4) year degree in accounting, finance or related field from an accredited U.S. college or university with no less than five (6) years of progressively responsible experience in professional accounting, finance or managerial level of which three (2) years pertain to supervisory level. Associates Degree candidates must possess eight (8) years of experience in accounting of which three (4) years pertain to supervisory experience. Shall have no record of felony or criminal conviction.

**Accountant IV:** Possess A four (4) year degree in accounting, finance or related field from an accredited U.S. college or university with no less than five (6) years of progressively responsible experience in professional accounting, finance or managerial level of which three (2) years pertain to supervisory level. Associates Degree candidates must possess eight (8) years of experience in accounting of which three (4) years pertain to supervisory experience. Shall have no record of felony or criminal conviction.

**Ports Police Officer-I:** Graduation from high school (or G.E.D.) and not less than one (1) year of police or law enforcement experience is necessary. Must pass tests and exams for basic courses within the established training period and meets all CPA requirements under probationary employment status. Must be certified for fire arms and deputized as law officer. Must not be over the age of thirty-five (35) for new hires in accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1996. Shall have no felony or criminal conviction.

**ARFF Trainee:** Graduation from high school or equivalent (G.E.D.), strong desire to establish a career as a fire fighter and shall be no less than eighteen (18) years of age and no more than thirty-five (35) years of age in accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1996. Experience is not necessary. Employee will be placed in one (1) year probationary status and must complete and pass all academic and hands-on training minimum requirements. National Fire Protection Association Standards #1003 regarding medical and health fitness requirements applies. Shall have no record of felony or criminal conviction.

**Staff Engineer:** Possess minimum of four (4) year degree in civil engineering from an accredited U.S. university with no less than seven (7) years of progressive responsible experience in a professional engineering level of which three (3) years pertain to supervisory experience. Must be a registered Professional Engineer in the CNMI or any jurisdiction in the U.S.A. or ability to obtain registration in three (3) years from date of hire. Shall have no record of felony or criminal conviction.

**Tariff Technician-I:** Any combination equivalent to graduation from high school (or G.E.D.) with no less than two (2) years of progressive responsible experience in a U.S. seaport/harbor operations or ocean transportation firm. Shall have no record of felony or criminal conviction.

**General Maintenance-I (Port of Rota):** Any combination equivalent to graduation from high school (or G.E.D.) and a two (2) year degree or equivalent in certification in a related field from an accredited US college or trade school.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing, or may be downloaded by visiting CPA's website at [www.cpa.gov.mp](http://www.cpa.gov.mp). For more information, please contact Ms. Addy C. Manahane by email at [acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp) or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON-GUERRERO  
Executive Director



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-054

### “STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM”

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in “**Facilitating work on Standards and Benchmarks for the Career and Technical Education Program.**” The Scope of Work is available beginning March 14, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the COE Conference Room, 3rd floor Retirement Fund Building. Questions must be in writing and addressed to Jessica Barcinas Taylor, CTE Program Coordinator via fax to 670.664.3796 or e-mail to [butterspirit@yahoo.com](mailto:butterspirit@yahoo.com) no later than June 7, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked “RFP 10-054” containing (1) Original and Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Any proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

This project is funded through a grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian  
P&S Officer



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### INVITATION TO BID ITB10-GOV-102

#### Municipality of Rota, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Administration and Operations Buildings Septic System

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Municipality of Rota, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Administration and Operations Buildings Septic System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be no Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 11:30 p.m. local time on May 20, 2010 to Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked “**ITB10-GOV-102**”. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 07, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time June 07, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 07, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. June 16, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on June 07, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by ninety (90) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
Procurement and Supply, DOF



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## INVITATION FOR BID PSS-IFB-10-059

### “A/C REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE FOR TINIAN ELEMENTARY AND TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL”

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for the **A/C Replacement and Upgrade for Tinian Elementary and Tinian High School on Tinian**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The scope of work and project package are available beginning on May 28, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$43.00.

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# Magic top Celtics, 113-92, in Game 5



**ORLANDO, Fla.** (AP)—Not ready to go home just yet, the only place the Orlando Magic are headed is back to Boston.

Halfway to history.

Taking another step toward overcoming an improbable 3-0 series deficit, Dwight Howard had 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Magic to a 113-92 victory over the Celtics on Wednesday night in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"I don't know if you can say you have momentum when you're down 3-2 going into their place," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "I still look at it like we're climbing a huge mountain here. But we are playing better."

Much better.

A series that looked like a sweep a few days ago now has the Celtics taking a slim lead into a pressure-packed Game 6 in Boston on Friday night. The Celtics are facing the possibility of playing it without Kendrick Perkins after their starting center picked up his seventh technical foul of the playoffs, a mandatory suspension unless it is overturned.

A potential Game 7 would be in Orlando.

No NBA team has won a series after losing the first three games.

The Magic, seemingly lifeless after a blowout defeat in Game 3, suddenly have hope to be the first. They broke out of their series-long shooting slump, making 13-of-25 3-pointers.

"I just feel that if we keep believing in each other and trusting one another and playing as

hard as we can, anything's possible," Howard said.

Jameer Nelson scored 24 points, and J.J. Redick had 14 to help the Magic to a frenetic pace that the Celtics couldn't sustain. Howard added five blocks as Orlando built an early 14-point lead that was never seriously challenged.

Rasheed Wallace had 21 points, and Rajon Rondo scored 19 for a Boston team that once seemed on its way to another NBA finals.

Now? The Celtics are stunned and dazed—and Boston fans who just watched their NHL team blow a 3-0 lead are getting uneasy.

Howard's elbow inadvertently came down on Glen "Big Baby" Davis' face near the basket in the third quarter, giving the Celtics forward a concussion. Davis tried to get up as play continued on the other end, wobbling his way to midcourt, almost falling flat as referee Joey Crawford kept him from tumbling to the hardwood.

Davis did not return. Reserve Marquis Daniels also was hit with a similar inadvertent elbow from Howard, leaving him dizzy, and Wallace "tweaked" his back.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Davis "blacked out" on the court, and the training staff will examine the forward Thursday.

"I don't know what kind of tests they're going to do with Baby. He's a little delirious anyway," Rivers said, chuckling.

Give the Magic a little more than a puncher's chance.

Redick provided a big boost off the bench, making a pair of 3-pointers to highlight a 20-8



Orlando Magic guard Jameer Nelson celebrates a 3-point shot in the second half in Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals against the Boston Celtics in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

run that put Orlando ahead 51-37 in the second quarter. His swishes and crisp passing kept the Celtics scrambling, and it filled a major hole with starter

Vince Carter continuing to struggle.

Amid an amped-up Amway Arena, Wallace picked up his third foul during the spurt and

taunted Orlando fans all the way to bench. Wallace shouted and screamed to the stands, pointing at his ring finger for the championship he already

won with Detroit—a title that has long eluded Orlando.

Things got even worse for the Celtics when Perkins was ejected after he picked up his second technical of the game and seventh of the postseason for arguing with officials. Perkins and Marcin Gortat were whistled for double technicals a few minutes prior after they got tangled up.

That means Perkins, one of the best defenders in the league on Howard, will be suspended for Game 6 unless the NBA rescinds the technical. NBA spokesman Tim Frank said a final review of the technicals was expected to be announced by mid-to-late morning Thursday.

"I didn't think he deserved either one. But he got them," Rivers said.

The Celtics are two games from infamy, and the pressure is mounting.

Only four times in the history of North American major pro sports leagues has a team won a playoff series after losing the first three games. Such comebacks are something Boston fans know all too well.

It has happened three times in the NHL—most recently by the Philadelphia Flyers over the Boston Bruins earlier this month—and once in baseball, when the Boston Red Sox came back to beat the New York Yankees in the 2004 AL championship series.

In 93 tries, it has just never been done in the NBA.

Here's the Magic's chance at history.

"We just all believe," Nelson said. "We all believe. We know we can do it."

**PARIS** (AP)—Apparently, even Roger Federer, with his record 16 Grand Slam titles, was in need of some advice on a wet and windy Wednesday at the French Open.

Forced off court by two rain delays, and "pushed," as he put it, by a player with a career record below .500, Federer turned to Swiss Davis Cup captain Severin Luthi for words of wisdom during the breaks. Told to be more aggressive early, then to use more drop shots late, Federer wound up with a 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4 victory over Alejandro Falla in the second round.

"Those were good things he told me," said the top-ranked Federer, the French Open's defending champion for the first time. "Those little details make a crucial difference."

The defending women's champion, sixth-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova, encountered quite a bit more trouble than Federer - she faced four match points in the second set against 41st-ranked Andrea Petkovic and was so distraught she whacked herself in the leg with her racket.

Petkovic made matters easier

## Even Federer needs advice, now and then

with unforced groundstroke errors on all four of those chances to win, though, and Kuznetsova eventually came all the way back for a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory—but not before wasting three match points of her own.

"I'm not really sure what happened," Kuznetsova said. "I saw that she got tight."

Also into the third round was No. 2 Venus Williams, who walloped one serve at 128 mph in a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Arantxa Parra Santonja, then effortlessly volleyed aside a series of questions about her lacy, black dress in the postmatch news conference.

It's the same corset-like outfit—trimmed in bright red along the bodice—that Williams wore in her first-round match, and it's garnered more attention than her play so far.

Other winners included No. 3 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 14 Flavia Pennetta, No. 15 Aravane Rezai, No. 19 Nadia Petrova and Williams' next opponent, No. 26 Dominika Cibulkova, a semifinalist last year.

Like Federer, Kuznetsova discussed tactics with her coach during a 1 1/2-hour rain delay, part of an odd day of stops and starts. After three days of sun and temperatures in the 80s, Wednesday's breezes reached 15 mph, the thermometer dipped into the low 60s, and intermittent showers disrupted the schedule and changed the way the clay played, slowing the surface.

Some matches were postponed, and four in men's singles were stopped because of darkness, involving No. 4 Andy Murray, No. 13 Gael Monfils, No. 17 John Isner and No. 25 Marcos Baghdatis.

Monfils' match against Fabio Fognini in the main stadium was halted at 5-all in the fifth set a few minutes before 10 p.m., but only after all manner of theater. At 4-all, there was a prolonged discussion with tournament referee Stefan Fransson about whether to suspend the match; Fognini didn't care for the decision

to continue and kept arguing, which led to Monfils being awarded a free point.

Then, with Monfils barely able to walk, let alone run, Fognini accrued three match points at 5-4, but failed to convert any, and had more choice words for the chair umpire while packing up his equipment for the night.

Nothing quite so dramatic happened on that same court several hours earlier, when Federer met Falla, a left-hander ranked 70th who entered the day 11-13 at Grand Slams, 53-60 overall.

Here, then, is what passes for intrigue when Federer faces anyone other than Rafael Nadal at Roland Garros: Falla flicked a passing shot up the line to break serve and take a 6-5 lead in the first set.

Given a chance to serve out the set, Falla put a forehand into the net, sailed a backhand wide, watched Federer snap a volley winner, then sent a backhand long. And from 4-all

in the tiebreaker, Federer took three points in a row, including an inside-out forehand winner that landed on a line to end a 12-stroke exchange.

"He really pushed me to come up with something special, which I couldn't do in the first set, really," said Federer, who hasn't lost to anyone at the French Open other than Nadal since 2005. "I definitely got a little bit lucky to get out of that one."

The man Federer beat in last year's final, Robin Soderling, is looking strong again, having dropped a total of seven games through two matches in 2010.

His second rout came Wednesday against unseeded American Taylor Dent, a 6-0, 6-1, 6-1 victory that lasted a mere 71 minutes.

"That was fun, huh? I'd be a fool to say that I felt like I was in it at any stage," Dent said. "It would be tough for me to beat the 12-and-under French champion, playing that way."

Men's winners included No. 8 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 10 Marin Cilic, No. 11 Mikhail

Yuzhny, No. 15 Tomas Berdych and Federer's next opponent, 165th-ranked qualifier Julian Reister.

For years, Federer used a part-time coach or went without a coach altogether, but for the past few seasons, Luthi has traveled with him, offering insights and scouting future foes.

"It's just good to have someone to be able to debate about my game and the opponents' game and come up with a game plan," Federer said. "I have my ideas from all my experience, but then he's also seen my past matches—the last day, the last weeks, the practice sessions—and then he's got a good sense of what I'm doing well and not so well."

Yes, the man widely considered the best tennis player in history acknowledges he can use a little help now and then.

"Maybe he doesn't have the biggest name in the game, because he wasn't No. 1 in the world himself or coached 15 other top guys," Federer said of Luthi. "I don't think you necessarily need that to be a good coach."

Probably doesn't hurt to have Federer as your boss, either.





# White Sox survive ejections, rally to beat Indians

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—Mark Buehrle's ejection in the third inning for arguing a balk didn't rattle the Chicago White Sox, who regrouped after losing their starting pitcher to survive a dangerous ninth to beat the Cleveland Indians 5-4 on Wednesday.

Buehrle and manager Ozzie Guillen were both tossed by first-base umpire Joe West, who called two balks on the left-hander in the first three innings.

Mark Kotsay hit a two-run homer off Jake Westbrook (2-3) and Mark Teahen drove in two runs as Chicago won two of three over Cleveland to capture their first road series this season.

Bobby Jenks nearly blew a 5-1 lead in the ninth, allowing the Indians to score three runs before striking out Austin Kearns with the bases loaded and getting Russell Branyan to fly out.

## Yankees 3, Twins 2

At Minneapolis, Nick Swisher homered in the top of the ninth inning, allowing Mariano Rivera to record his second save in less than four hours for New York.

Swisher hit his solo shot off Twins closer Jon Rauch (1-1), the third two-out run scored by the Yankees in the second game.

Derek Jeter homered and made a highlight-reel play at shortstop in the sixth inning of the first game, which was completed after being halted by rain the night before.

Rivera pitched the ninth inning for the save in the first game, making up for his only blown chance of the season 10 days ago at Yankee Stadium against the Twins.

## Red Sox 11, Rays 3

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Adrian Bel-

tre homered twice and matched a career high with six RBIs to lead Boston to its eighth win in nine games and a three-game sweep of Tampa Bay.

Beltre had four hits, finishing a double shy of the cycle after his ninth-inning triple helped put the game out of reach. David Ortiz homered for the sixth time in 11 games.

John Lackey (5-3) allowed two runs over 6 1-3 innings, pitching his best with runners in scoring position.

## Athletics 6, Orioles 1

At Baltimore, Trevor Cahill allowed two hits over six innings, and Adam Rosales homered and drove in four runs as Oakland ended a six-game road losing streak with a win over Baltimore.

Cahill (3-2) allowed one run, walked three and struck out three, and Rajai Davis had three hits, stole a career-high three bases and scored twice for the A's.

Brian Matusz (2-5) gave up six runs and eight hits in five-plus innings for Baltimore. The left-hander has lost five straight decisions.

## Angels 6, Blue Jays 5

At Anaheim, California, Bobby Abreu hit an opposite-field RBI single with two out in the ninth inning, atoning for his error that led to a tying run as Los Angeles edged Toronto.

Joel Pineiro bounced back from one of the worst outings of his career with six innings of two-hit ball and left after six innings with a 5-3 lead thanks to Hideki Matsui's two-run homer.

## Mariners 5, Tigers 4

At Seattle, Mike Sweeney hit a two-run homer off relief pitcher Ryan Perry and Josh Wilson capped the eighth-inning

rally with a two-run single as Seattle beat Detroit.

Down 4-1 entering the eighth, Franklin Gutierrez got it started with a lead-off single before Sweeney belted his sixth homer in the last 10 games two batters later. After a single by Jose Lopez and double by Rob Johnson, Wilson singled into left-center field to give Seattle the lead.

## Royals 5, Rangers 2

At Kansas City, Missouri, Billy Butler homered and Luke Hochevar pitched eight strong innings to lead Kansas City past Texas.

Hochevar (5-2) held the Rangers to two runs on six hits, striking out four and walking none, and Joakim Soria worked the ninth for his 11th save in 13 chances and the 100th of his career.

## Padres 2, Cardinals 1

At San Diego, Jerry Hairston Jr. homered with two outs in the 13th inning to give the San Diego Padres a win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Hairston homered to left-center on the first pitch from Mitchell Boggs (0-2), the Cardinals' seventh pitcher, to end the game. It was his second straight game-winning homer, as his solo shot on Tuesday was enough for the Padres to beat the Cards 1-0.

## Mets 5, Phillies 0

At New York, Hisanori Takahashi pitched six scoreless innings as New York shut out Philadelphia for the second straight game.

Takahashi (4-1) did not walk a batter and struck out six, while Phillies starter Joe Blanton (1-3) gave up five runs and walked four.

Jose Reyes homered and drove in two runs in his fourth straight multihit game, while Rod Barajas had a two-run double and a sacrifice fly for the Mets.

## Dodgers 8, Cubs 5

In Chicago, Chad Billingsley won his fourth consecutive start to lead Los Angeles over Chicago.

Billingsley (6-2) got the win despite conceding a season-worst 10 hits.

James Loney had three hits and was a home run short of the cycle, while Casey Blake homered and drove in two runs for the Dodgers.

The game was delayed for 18 minutes in top of the fourth inning after a nearby fire caused the lights to go out at Wrigley Field.

## Braves 7, Marlins 3

In Miami, Troy Glaus drove in two of Atlanta's six runs in the seventh inning as the Braves downed Florida.

Atlanta sent 11 men to the plate in the seventh. Braves starter Tommy Hanson (4-3) picked up the win, allowing two runs over six innings.

## Nationals 7, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Tim Lincecum lost for the first time this season, lasting only 4 2-3 innings and allowing a season-high six runs in Washington's win over San Francisco.

Lincecum (5-1), who has only one win in his past six starts, allowed six hits, walked five and hit a batter. It was his shortest outing of the season and the most earned runs he has allowed in a game since 2008.

Ian Desmond drove in a season-high three runs, and Josh Willingham added two hits and two RBIs for the Nationals.

## Reds 4, Pirates 0

In Cincinnati, Bronson Arroyo pitched into the eighth inning for his fifth straight win, guiding Cincinnati past Pittsburgh.

Arroyo (5-2) allowed no extra-base hits in 7 2-3 innings. Reliever Daniel Ray Herrera pitched out of a bases-loaded threat in the eighth.

Orlando Cabrera drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly and a single for the Reds, while Miguel Cairo had a solo homer off Pirates starter Ross Ohlendorf (0-3), who was in trouble most of his six innings, giving up eight hits and walking five.

## Rockies 7, Diamondbacks 3

In Denver, Ubaldo Jimenez threw eight shutout innings to earn his major league-leading ninth victory, helping Colorado defeat Arizona.

Jimenez (9-1) continued his dominant start to the season, extending his current scoreless streak to 16 1-3 innings and dropping his ERA to 0.88.

Seth Smith homered twice, Carlos Gonzalez also went long and Miguel Olivo had three hits for the Rockies, who have won a season-best four straight.

Mark Reynolds hit his 12th home run off the season for the Diamondbacks, who have lost three in a row.

Arizona starter Rodrigo Lopez (2-3) gave up four runs and walked four.

## Astros 5, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, Roy Oswalt threw eight dominant innings in his first start since requesting a trade as Houston downed Milwaukee.

Oswalt (3-6) walked only one and struck out nine of his final 16 batters.

The Astros gave Oswalt his most run support this season by scoring four runs off Milwaukee starter Chris Narveson (4-2).

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# Saipan vs Tinian theme dominates 'Into the Jungle'

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Eight of the 11 bouts in Gorilla Warfare's "Into the Jungle" scheduled tomorrow night at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino will have Saipan fighters going *mano y mano* against the best of Tinian.

Marianas Elite's Leroy Sablan (3-3 win-loss record) will kick off hostilities when the Saipan bet battles Tinian's Johmar Untalan (0-3) in the 115-lb. lightweight division.

It will be followed by another lightweight match featuring two Tinian fighters—debuting Joe

Untalan against 0-1 Conrad "The Mangler" Manglona.

Saipan's "Marky" Mark Manaluz from Predator Combat Team will then take on Tinian's Manny "Tha Doctor" Cepeda in a battle of newbies in the 140-lb. featherweight division.

It will be followed by another lightweight bout pitting Saipan's John Ilo (0-0) of Team Zalaka against Tinian's Carl Cepeda (0-1) of Team Zeng Zung.

The fifth scheduled bout will be a 145-lb featherweight fight between Saipan's Greg "Da One" Teregeyo (0-0) from Team Zalaka and Tinian's George "Kamikaze" Manglona (0-1) from Team Zeng Zung.

Saipan's Schneider Ongiil from Predator Combat Team



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Predator Combat Team's Nate "The Terrible" Flores, seen here in a file photo, will take on Marianas Elite's Jerome Norita in Gorilla Warfare's "Into the Jungle" scheduled tomorrow night at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

will then square off against Tinian's Thomas "The Boss" Erikson in a matchup between two

heavyweights.

After the big boys, a 135-lb. bantamweight match is set be-

tween Saipan's Frank Demapan (1-0) and debuting Pete Sakisat from Tinian.

Another 145-lb. featherweight match will follow with Saipan's James Justin Castro (1-0) from Predator Combat Team going up against Tinian's Peter Cepeda (1-0) from Team Zeng Zung.

The ninth fight on the card will feature a heavyweight battle between two Saipan warriors—Moses "King Kong" Buekis (0-1) from Team Zalaka and Jerel Olopai (0-0).

It will be followed by a 185-lb. middleweight fight between Saipan's Pete Guerrero and Tinian's Conrad "Ex Con" Iba from Team Tinian.

The main event will be a 155-lb. lightweight match that pits

Saipan's Nate "The Terrible" Flores from Predator Combat Team against fellow Saipan fighter Jerome Norita from Marianas Elite.

These two athletes are by far the most experienced on the fight card. Flores is a Jiu-Jitsu specialist with a 3-1 win-loss record. Norita, for his part, is a freestyle fighter who looks to improve his even 2-2 record.

"Into the Jungle" is sponsored by Budlight, IT&E, and Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. Tickets are now on sale at Boarderline Skate and Surf Shop in Garapan and at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino for \$20 advance and \$25 at the door per person for general seating and \$30 for VIP.

# Grillin' advances to finals; QQ Rent A Car in semis

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Grillin' and QQ Rent A Car recorded contrasting playoff wins in the 2010 Navy Hill Friendship Basketball on Tuesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court to keep their championship hopes alive.

Grillin' outlasted DL Cooking Gas, 76-73, to advance to the Division B finals, while QQ Rent A Car topped Yuman Pacific Gold, 101-90, to gain a semis seat in the same division and challenge the Sparks for the second and last finals berth.

Roger Herrera and Lerio Pagarao joined forces in leading Grillin' to a three-point win with the former firing 33 points and the latter adding 29. The two

Grillin' players scored in streaks and they tallied 19 of the team's 20 points in the fourth quarter to foil DL Cooking Gas' repeated comeback bids

Grillin' led at the end of the third period, 56-52, and Herrera opened the fourth with a jumper before Pagarao scored six straight points. Midway in the fourth, it was Herrera's turn to score in succession, making six markers in a row and he also logged the team's last three points on free throws, preserving Grillin' win.

Jun Tabora led DL Cooking Gas' losing cause, posting 19 markers. Grillin' will face the winner of the Sparks-QQ Rent A Car tiff in the finals this Saturday. QQ Rent and the Sparks played in the semifinals Wednesday night and results were unavailable at press time. In Division A, the Sonics will face Lyn's BBQ

and will duel the Division B champion for the league's grand finale this Sunday.

QQ Rent A Car kept its finals bid alive after outgunning Yuman in the second half.

QQ Rent A Car struggled in the first half, leading by only a deuce at the break, 43-41, on Badong Camacho's buzzer-beating jumper.

At the start of the third period, QQ Rent A Car's guns were blazing as it outscored Yuman, 31-21. Marlon Sison led QQ Rent A Car's third-quarter breakaway, hitting three triples and scoring 12 points, while J.R. Concepcion added nine, giving the team a 74-62 lead.

Sison went cold in the fourth quarter, but Concepcion was there to pick up the slack, adding 12 more points and keeping QQ Rent A Car's distance. Con-

cepcion finished with 21 points, while Sison still top-scored for QQ Rent A Car with 25. Camacho contributed 20.

## First Game

**Grillin' 76** – Herrera 33, Pagarao 29, J. Norita 4, P. Norita 3, Rotap 2, Sangoyo 1.

**DL Cooking Gas 73** – Tabora 19, Trajano 14, Garon 14, Tobias 12, Ebuen 9, Dayrit 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-15, 32-34, 56-52, 76-73.

## Second Game

**QQ Rent A Car 101** – Sison 25, J. Concepcion 21, Camacho 20, Castro 16, Mabini 6, K. Concepcion 4, Liang 4.

**Yuman 90** – Paraiso 28, Mortos 22, Serrano 13, Iglecias 9, Ancero 9, Tipples 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 24-23, 43-41, 74-62, 101-90.



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QQ Rent A Car's Badong Camacho, right, pulls up for a shot against Yuman Pacific Gold's Rolly Paraiso during their playoff game in the Navy Hill caging on Tuesday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

# Big Fielders advance with 12-7 win vs D9ers

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The Fielders scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to blow the lid off what was a close game in Tuesday night's 2010 Saipan Little League Big Division playoff against the D9ers at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

After the visiting D9ers left runners stranded on the corners in the top of the first, the Fielders took an early lead when Ionis Rasa singled in Juan Maratita, who led off with a walk and stole second.

Then in the second, the D9ers went 1-2-3 and the Fielders added another run from lead off batter, Zack Tudela, who reached off an error and scored off a wild pitch.

In the top of the third, Jared Camacho, knocked in Isaiah Lizama, who reached with a one out single, and the D-9ers defense forced the Fielders to go 1-2-3 in the bottom half.

The D9ers tied the game at 2-2 in the top of the fourth when designated hitter, Mark Sablan, knocked in Clyde Sa-



WALTER J. SUTHERLAND

Big Fielders pitcher Tom Agulto, left, Ton Tenorio, second from left, and Juan Maratita are all smiles after leading their team to a 12-7 victory against D9ers Tuesday night in the Big League division of the 2010 Saipan Little League.

blan with a fielder's choice. Clyde Sablan earlier reached with a two out single and a separate runner from first was tagged out in a run down after passing second base so the run at the plate counted as it was not a force out play.

The Fielders added two runs to break the tie in the bottom half from Clyde Sablan and Ton Tenorio who both led off with singles and scored off errors.

In the top of the fifth, the D9ers left runners stranded at second and third and the score remained 4-2, Fielders.

In the bottom half, the Fielders' top of the order

started and they saw the ball very well at the plate.

Before scoring himself off an error, Tom Agulto singled in Maratita who led off with a walk and stole a couple of bases.

Jonathon Celis then singled in Rasa who drew a one out walk.

The D9ers' nightmare inning did not stop there; before scoring off a passed ball, Ton Tenorio cracked a two-RBI triple that brought in Celis and Tudela. Tudela reached with a one-out single just after Celis.

The score was 10-2, after five innings, and the D9ers needed a chunk of runs in the top of the sixth.

They managed to bring three runs to the plate and trim the lead to five, but the Fielders came right back with a two-out two-RBI single from Ton Tenorio in the bottom half. The D9ers narrowly escaped the sixth as the Fielders went on to load the bases and left everyone stranded.

The score was 12-5 to start the seventh, and the D9ers were not quite done yet. They sprinkled on a couple of more runs before the Fielders shut the door.

In other news, Fielders coach Juan Manibusan clarified a statement he made last May 17 after winning the 2010 Saipan Major League championship.

While celebrating in the parking lot after the big win, Manibusan told the *Saipan Tribune* that, "Next year the Fielders plan on changing their name to the Young Guns."

Manibusan now has changed his position on the comment and expressed that the team, "would like to somehow incorporate the phrase, Young Guns, into next year's team name."

In an effort to clear things up with the team's sponsor, Manibusan has officially backed off his initial statement.

## 2010 National Athletics Championships today

Northern Marianas Athletics will be holding the 2010 CNMI National Athletics Championships today at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility.

The meet will start at 5:30pm and will feature 13 events; 100m, 400m, 800m, 1,500m, and 500m runs, 110 men's hurdles, 100m women's hurdles, 4x100m run, triple jump, long jump, and shot put, discus, and javelin throws.

The men's and women's discus throw and long jump will be the first pair of events for the day and is set for 5:30pm. The two events will be followed by the hurdles (6pm), shotput and 100m run (6:15pm), 800m race and triple jump (6:30pm), 5,000m run and javelin throw (6:50pm), 400m (7:20pm), and 1,500m (7:35). The last event of the meet will be the men's and women's 4x100m relay that will kick off at 8pm.

The national championships are open to all interested athletes. The meet will also serve as the third qualifying tournament for the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau.

In the first Micro Games qualifier, 14 athletes made the grade for the quadrennial meet.

They were Yvonne and Yvette Bennett, Tyrone Omar, Dennis Ngirchongor, Ryan Ichihara, Michael Mancao, Trevor Ogumoro, Jesus Iguel, Ronald Olopai, Jeneque Benavente,

Lia Rangamar, Nick Gross, Ronald Villafria, and Mamiko Berger. Results of the second qualifying tournament have yet to be released.

NMA during the past NMSA meetings said it intended to send 10 male and 10 female athletes to the Micronesian Games, which will run from Aug. 1 to 10. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)







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## PIC rules Shirley's caging



Pacific Islands Club players flash the No. 1 sign after ruling the Shirley's caging and beating Aqua Resort Club in the deciding Game 3 of their title series, 85-68, on Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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Pacific Islands Club mapped out a near-perfect game plan against Aqua Resort Club to cruise to an 85-68 win in the deciding Game 3 of their title series in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League on Wednesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

A patient offense coupled with a pressure defense resulted in a relatively easy win for PIC, which came out of the lower half of the Top 12 teams en route to pulling off an upset in the short championship series. PIC was seeded 11th in the playoffs after losing five of its last six assignments in the regular season, while Aqua Resort just nearly missed an outright quarterfinals berth, placing fifth in the team standings.



PIC took Game 1, 87-84, capitalizing on Aqua Resort's second-half collapse. Aqua Resort was again in control of Game

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## Beasley, Buddle, and Gomez make US World Cup roster

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BRISTOL, Conn. (AP)—The phones started ringing at 2 a.m., and players were told to come down to the third floor for a meeting. As Herculez Gomez pressed the elevator button on 17, his mind raced.

Were his dreams about to be fulfilled—or crushed?

This is the way the U.S. World Cup team was finalized, in the dead of night in a Hartford hotel.

"It's been such a crazy and unbelievable journey," Gomez said.

And the big trip hasn't even begun.

For Gomez, it was good news.



Players from the newly named U.S. World Cup soccer team are introduced at the ESPN studios in Bristol, Conn., Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

He and Edson Buddle went from long shots to the American roster Wednesday, joining veterans Landon Donovan, DaMarcus

Beasley and Tim Howard on the 23-man U.S. team headed to South Africa.

While there was joy and relief

for the chosen, there was only heartache and anguish for the seven players called downstairs

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### OFF THE BENCH

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## Selection election

The best form of government is not democracy. It's benevolent dictatorship. That's what my high school civics teacher argued, successfully in my opinion.

If the goal of government is to make wise decisions, then one person certainly has as much capability of making them as a crowd of people. The public doesn't always get it right. While voting for something may seem to be the fairest way, it's not always fool-proof. That's because there are fools all around us. That's a joke, seriously.

The voting for the NBA All-Stars is a classic example of how the majority does not necessarily make right. This year, rapidly declining Allen Iverson was voted by fans as a starter for the East. Tracy McGrady who wasn't even playing had more votes than Steve Nash up until the final week. Ken Griffey Jr. always gets a ton of baseball votes by fans who may be sleeping, waking up just long enough to vote without checking his actual performance.

Selecting an all-star team naturally is controversial even by those who are well-meaning. The process is fraught with pitfalls.

At the professional level, making the all-star team is a symbolic badge of honor. The regular season is infinitely more important than a single all-star game. But on the amateur level, especially for youth, making an all-star team is critical. A boy is only 12 years old once. A chance to play at Williamsport in the Little League World Series is a window of opportunity that does not last long at all. And when it is closed, it's closed permanently.

Saipan has selected its Major Division all-stars. Once again there are some deserving players left off the roster. To be sure, the best players are there but strong cases can be made for some of those who did not make it.

In baseball defense is exactly one half of the game and offense is one half. Yet when league officials look at statistics they don't

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## Triathletes frustrated about Micro Games course change

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The triathlon competition in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau switched course from Olympic distance to short, leaving CNMI triathletes frustrated with the change.

"The course is cut in half. We are not at all happy about it. It is no longer an Olympic distance and will only take our people about an hour each to finish the race," triathlon team head of delegation Joshua Berger said in an e-mail to Saipan Tribune.

The Olympic distance triathlon race is composed of a 1.5-kilometer swim, 40-km bike, and 10-km run legs. In Palau, triathletes will have to complete only the 750-meter swim, 20-km bike, and 5-km run legs.

"We had a meeting to determine whether we will still to

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Mieko Carey, seen here going to the swim-bike transition area of the 2010 XTERRA Saipan Championships, will go full blast on her training for the 2010 Micronesian Games in July.